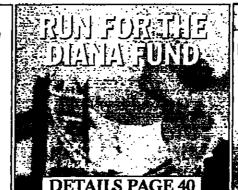
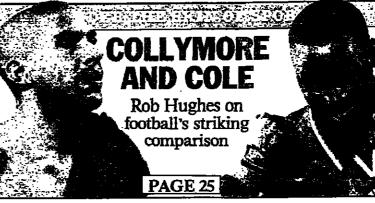




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TODAY

Defiant Robinson fails to silence critics



By Nicholas Watt POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GEOFFREY ROBINSON was fighting to save his ministerial career last night after John Prescott offered him only lukewarm support in the controversy over his financial affairs, saying he appeared to have said "one thing and perhaps done another".

The Deputy Prime Minister's remarks prompted fresh calls for Mr Robinson to resign as Paymaster General. Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said: "Geoffrey Robinson's credibility has been destroyed by the steady flow of revelations about his financial affairs. His position is now untenable. It is time for him to go." But Mr Robinson rushed out a

statement insisting that he would not quit and that he had been "entirely open and honest" about his offshore financial interests. Mr Robinson had earlier admit-

ted influencing the independent trustees of the E12 million Guernseybased Orion Trust, which benefits his family. He conceded that he had told the trustees last year that they might buy shares in TransTec, the company he founded, when it needed £58 million from its shareholders to finance a takeover.

His comments contrasted sharply with a letter his lawyers sent to the Observer last week which said: Our client did not appoint the trustees of the Orion Trust who act independently of him and are not controlled, or their decisions influenced, by him in any way."

No room on show

The BBC yesterday rejected the chance of the first television interview with Mr Robinson about his offshore interests. He arrived at BBC Television Centre thinking he was to appear on Breakfast with Frost but the producers said they had no room for him.

Mr Lilley said: "The charge that Geoffrey Robinson is guilty of hypocrisy stands larger than ever and has been endorsed by the Deputy Prime Minister. It is clear that Geoffrey Robinson no longer retains a shred of credibility. If he will not resign, the Prime Minister must dismiss him."

Mr Robinson's friends laughed off Mr Lilley's attack. One said: That statement is guaranteed to ensure that Geoffrey is 100 per cent safe. He is not in the slighest bit

ruffled by this." Nevertheless, Mr Robinson suffered a setback when Mr Prescott spoke about the affair in a television interview with David Frost yesterday. He said: "You may argue that the politician said one thing [and] perhaps done another. That seems to be the greatest charge against him." And defending Tony Blair's decision to give a government job to a millionaire businessman he said: "I'm just trying to explain how we're involved with people who come from a different lifestyle involved in this kind of activity."

The unease suggested by Mr

Prescott's remarks was expressed in stronger language by the left-wing Labour MP Paul Flynn, who has already called on Mr Robinson to resign. He said: "New Labour has fallen from the moral high ground to the moral low ground over this. We have followed the Tory tactic of professing innocence and then try-

ng to shoot the messenger The attacks on Mr Robinson came after he gave a series of interviews in an attempt to clear his name. Of the Orion Trust that he inherited from his business friend Joska Bourgeois, he told the Sunday Telegraph: "I didn't set up the trust. no money has been taken from here and put offshore. I didn't have any say in how the bequest was

He also underlined his irritation

when asked whether he was the right person to have introduced the government scheme that put a £50,000 limit on tax-free savings. He told The Express: "But I pay tax. I pay more tax than the people on £50,000 Peps. I have paid £1.4

million tax in five years. In another statement last night. he said: "In the last few weeks there have been a series of allegations and a huge research effort by investigators which has produced nothing new of substance. I am a millionaire and I am delighted also to be a businessman who is a minister in a Labour government, and I now want to get on with my job."

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Trimble may meet Adams to advance peace talks

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

DAVID TRIMBLE, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, yesterday raised the possibility of holding an unprecedented face-to-face meeting with Gerry Adams - an idea he once described as "repulsive".

The move came after Republican rioters threw more than 1.000 petrol bombs at police during a night of violence in Londonderry that "lasted until early yesterday morning and caused hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage. The riots, which erupted just two days after Tony Blair received Mr Adams at Downing Street, were the worst civil disturbance to hit Northern Ireland since the IRA restored its ceasefire in July, and underlined the fragility of the peace

Mr Trimble, who has addressed not a word to any Sinn Fein delegate since the IRA's political wing joined the Stormont peace talks in Septemher, said other terrorists had ecome genuine converts to

mocracy, "It takes time, but as happened in the past. It riectly possible that Gerry as will follow that path. that sense I do not rule ig| out. It is possible." TE, the Irish tele-

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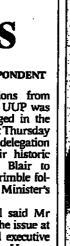
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weeks of accusations from Sinn Fein that the UUP was not seriously engaged in the

The UUP official said Mr

Taoiseach. meanwhile confirmed vesterday that the peace talks would convene in

London and Dublin as well as Stormont in the New Year. was emphasised by Satur-day's rioting in Londonderry. The Royal Ulster Constabu-lary said it had received advance warning before a



The fragility of peace talks

example.

idea, called the prospect of direct meetings with Sinn Fein "vague and hypothetical". He said the UUP had made it clear none would occur until pressed remorse for their past outrages, accepted the principle of consent in Northern ireland, declared a permanent end to violence, and expressed a willingess to dismantle their

his party's national executive meeting on Friday. He was genuinely anxious to do all in his power to secure a settlement, but also concerned that Unionists should not be seen as the stumbling block were the peace talks to fail.

raise the possibility of meeting Mr Adams is nonetheless a high-risk move given the depth of Unionist opposition to his party even participating in the same multiparty talks as Sinn Fein, and some of his closest and most supportive colleagues expressed surprise

MP for Fermanagh, who had last week firmly ruled out the Republicans had ex-

terrorist organisation. Bertie Ahern, the Irish

peace talks, and last Thursday Mr Adams and his delegation emerged from their historic meeting with Mr Blair to demand that Mr Trimble follow the Prime Minister's Trimble broached the issue at

For Mr Trimble to even

Warburg bids for Christie's Ken Maginnis, the UUP

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dilapidated mill in 1987 and converted it into a Hockney gallery: an exhibition in his memory. Local Views by a Local Artist for a Local Lad, opens there today

Christie's International, the fine art auctioneer, has re-ceived a £500 million bid approach from SBC Warburg Dillon Read, the Swiss-owned merchant bank. Directors of the company and hundreds of auctioneers stand to make millions of pounds for their

Fears for captain

Gwyn Jones, 25, the Wales rugby union captain who is in hospital in Cardiff after suffering a serious neck injury while leading his team on Saturday, will be told later this week whether he will ever play again Pages 3, 34

Trawler raised

The trawler Sapphire, which sank 12 miles off Peterhead with the loss of four crew more than ten weeks ago, was recovered from the seabed after a salvage operation beset by had weather ...

Benefit cuts face growing outcry

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR was facing mounting pressure last night to rule out cutting disability benefits amid warnings of growing opposition among Labour backbenchers.

As the Prime Minister insisted that he would not be deflected from his commitment to reform the welfare state, two senior Labour peers demanded a categoric assurance that disability benefits would not be cut. Lord Ashley of Stoke and Lord Morris of Manchester - both former MPs and longstanding cam-paigners for disabled people's rights — said that more Labour MPs could oppose such cuts than the 47 who last week voted against reductions in state support for lone parents.

Lord Ashley, chairman of

Parliament's All-Party Dis-

Father Christmas's reputation hangs by a whisker

ablement Group, will this Thursday lead a deputation of peers and MPs to Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, to warn against action which he believes would do nothing to boost disabled people's job

William Hague stepped up the pressure by announcing that the Tories would oppose any reductions in disability benefit despite their backing iast week for the Government's cut in lone-parent benefits.

Mr Blair said that a leaked Social Security department policy paper -- which suggest-ed that substantial savings could be made from sickness and disability benefits - had not been seen by him or any Continued on page 2, col I

eyes out," she said. "All the

innocence has gone and it can

never be replaced. Father Christmas has let everybody

down. Back home he kept

asking Why would Santa do

something like that to me

Father Christmas later apol-

Blair vows to fight for **Britain**

David Hockney with his picture of Salt's Mill in Saltaire, West Yorkshire, which he painted as a tribute to Jonathan Silver, who died in September. Silver bought the

TONY BLAIR today issues a blunt warning that he is prepared for vigorous confrontations in Europe to defend Britain's Interests

(Nicholas Watt writes). Fresh from a bruising encounter at the European Union summit in Luxembourg over the new "club" that will manage the single curren-cy, the Prime Minister de-clares in an article in *The* Times that he will not shy away from "very strong arguments" and insists that Britain will be a "leading player in

Europe" "Nobody ever imagined that there would not be times when we would have to engage in very strong argument to protect our interests," Mr Blair writes.

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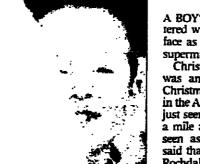
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Christopher Chantler, 8. travelled by car.

Christopher remained sus-

picious and gave his white

whiskers a tug to check their

authenticity. Santa sought to

protect his identity, but in the

By Lin Jenkins

A BOY'S illusions were shattered when he was hit in the face as he tried to unmask a supermarket Santa.

was amazed to find Father Christmas sitting in his grotto in the Asda store when he had just seen him in another shop a mile away. Anxious not be seen as an imposter, Santa said that he had flown to the Rochdale store, arriving ahead of the boy who had

process caught the boy across the face, reducing him to tears. His mother claims the blow was deliberate. Santa and Asda claim that it was an accident and that they are deeply sorry. Either way, San-

ta will never be the same again to Christopher. Janice Chantler, 28, said: "He said that he doesn't want Father Christmas to come to our house because he does nasty things. He was heartbroken.

Santa just walked away and

began talking to friends.

Christopher was crying his

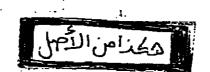
ogised in person to Christopher and his mother, who were given vouchers to use in the store. A company spokesman said: "Santa tried not to disillusion the child and told "I saw Santa pull his arm him he had flown to Asda. back and hit him. I could not believe what I was seeing. I flew over to the grotto but

When his beard was pulled he tried to do the same by holding on to his heard and hat so as not to be unmasked and accidentally hit the child." Leading article, page 21



Do that once more and I'll take you to see Father Christmas

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The Queen will open her account books

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE QUEEN has agreed that she will open up the account books and records of the Royal Household to scrutiny for the first time. It would reveal precisely how £20.4 million of taxpayers' money is spent in the occupied royal palaces such as Buckingham Palace and Windsor

The new approach has emerged before this week's publication of a report from the Commons Public Accounts Committee, questioning the running of the royal premises and the use of grace-and-favour

ees and pensioners. The report will call for a curb on public subsidies for such accommodation.

The opening of the books is in response to a previous call from the committee that the National Audit Office should have an automatic right to examine the Royal Household accounts and to check whether current spending reflects value for money. David Davis. Tory chairman of the committee, is to renew his demand for Parliament's auditors to be able to follow all public money. He also believes the £7.9 million Civil List should come

On Wednesday, he is expected to emphasise that MPs are concerned to ensure that the occupied royal palaces are being efficiently managed. They include Clarence House, the home of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, St James's Palace, London base for the Prince of Wales. and Kensington Palace, home to Princess Margaret, the Kents and the Gloucesters and members of the Royal Household. MPs want to ensure that realistic commercial rents are being paid for use of the properties, and they also believe that more effort should be made to lease properties on the open market when they fall vacant. They argue, however, that without market valuation on the properties, it is impossible to ascertain realistic levels of

commercial rent. Without such a valuation, they argue, it is impossible to work out the level of tax to be charged for dwellings regarded as a taxable benefit. It is understood that some properties are kept vacant on police advice, because they are in secure areas".

The Queen is anxious to show greater transparency in the use of taxpayers' money. The Royal Family and members of the household are keen to nail untruths that they personally benefit from taxpayers' money and that they are somehow exempt from council tax bills, utility bills and day to day repairs.

Last year, revenues of £103 million were returned from the Queen to the State. On the advice of ministers, the Queen also makes and annual report to MPs on the costs of official travel by each member of the Royal Family.

The Public Accounts Committee has spent two years trying to ascertain precise figures for property services, salaries and accommodation. For example, MPs are still unclear why people with limited royal duties benefit from a home inside a palace. At Windsor Castle. 13 military knights are given homes because they are required to attend

weekly services in ceremonial dress. When evidence was given to the committee two years ago, eight apartments were occupied by

7 226 by current employees. It former staff and four through grace-and-favour arrangements. Since then, the Queen has authorised a number of changes.

Following the advice of Michael Peat, the Royal Household's Director of Finance, many properties are being rented out on a more commercial basis. Last year, rents and salary deductions for the use of apartments came to £750,000, while £239,000 was received in rent from properties let on the open market. More properties will be added to when they fall vacant.Mr Peat himself pays £700 a week for use of his apartment at Kensington Palace. and he pays tax on the perk.

bans L. meat over **BSE** fears

America has banned the import of all European cattle, sheep and related products amid fears of mad con" disease. The Agriculture Department had previously restricted imports only from Britain and eight other European countries where the disease was known to exist. The new regulations extend the curbs to a further 21 countries and will remain in force until there is proof that the risk of BSE has been eliminated from Europe. The ban is expected to have little impact as the US imports very few meat products from EU farmers.

Lawrence row

Police who investigated the 1993 killing of the black student Stephen Lawrence, IS, in Eltham, south-east London, were inept but not racist, according to a report by the Police Complaints Authority that is expected to be published today by Jack Straw, the flome Secretary.

Hunt arrests

Forty-two people were being held by police last night after violent clashes at Hursley and Hambledon Hunt at Warnford in Hampshire on Saturday. Three people needed hos-pital treatment. Officers studied video footage taken from a spotter plane of hunt saboteurs ambushing the meeting.

More diabetics

The number of diabetics in Britain will rise from L2 million to 3.1 million in 12 years unless there is a change in lifestyles. George Alberti, president of the Royal College of Physicians, says a combination of greater obesity and less exercise must mean an increased rate of diabetes".

Farmers protest

Un to 300 farmers will gather in Westminster today to lobby MPs for £980 million to compensate them for the strength of the pound, which has hit their industry hard They will be joined by butchers seeking a reprieve from the ban of beef on the bone, due to take effect tomorrow.

GPs go online

Doctors are to receive £150 million from the Government to update their computer systems. The move, signalled in the health service White Paper. is designed to bring GPs' equipment up to a national standard. with every computer connected to an NHS Internet link.

Beach death

A student died at a, on a beach in Goda taking heroin, an in Aylesbury, bamshire, was told. A pathologist Maxwell, 22 of Long Crendon. shire, died Verdict: death by nat

City puzzled by minister's accounting

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX

the shuffling of assets between

private and public businesses that made the stock market

wary of Maxwell companies.

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noved at the decision to place

the 28 per cent stake owned by

the merchant bank Robert

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Shortly before he died, in a

scramble to sell off assets.

Maxwell sold the Central &

Sheerwood stake in the mar-

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that," he said. "But what we

have got to try and do is

reform the system so that

those who can and want to get

On BBC Radio's The World

This Weekend, John Denham,

Minister for the Disabled, re-

fused repeated opportunities

to rule out any cut in disability

benefits. But he added: "We do

have a comprehensive review

of social security spending and

that does include the complex

system of benefits for sick and

Lord Ashley yesterday told The Times: There must be no

cut in individual disability

benefits. We support the idea

of a review to improve the

efficiency of the disability

benefits system but we are

very strongly opposed to indi-

This Weekend that the Tories

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Mr Hague told The World

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Benefit cuts

GEOFFREY ROBINSON has emerged with a reputation as a good businessman despite his company's patchy performance while he was chairman and chief executive. Trans-Tec's accounting practices. while legal, were highly opaque, as were some of its relations with private companies in which Mr Robinson had a role. Although the company had ended all connection with Robert Maxwell in 1991, the City found continued reasons for mistrust.

Mr Robinson's original idea was to found a company which would transfer technology from universities and technical colleges to manufacturing industry, or between different industries. Mr Robinson's Transfer Technology venture caught Maxwell's eye. In 1987 Mr Robinson be-

came a director of Central & Sheerwood, a publicly-quoted company partly owned by Maxwell. Also a director of Hollis, the science-based engineering group owned by Maxwell. Mr Robinson led a buyout of Hollis's engineering

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ministers and should be "com-

pletely discounted". In an

interview on GMTV's Sunday

Programme, he repeated that

he would not take benefits

away from "those who needed

it". But senior government

sources denied reports that

Mr Blair was backing away

from welfare cuts and the

Prime Minister made clear he

remained committed to re-

form, saying: "It is the big idea

and we mustn't be deflected

from carrying out the reforms

that are necessary to provide

Mr Blair added that £195

million from the windfall tax

would be given to disabled people to help them to get off

opportunity for people.

businesses, outbidding the year of City favour. It rapidly bought a dozen companies, management team. In April 1991 he carried out a scrambling to buy its way out reverse takeover of Central & of the recession facing the mo-Sheerwood, a quick means for tor business. In 1992, the company faunched a well-supporta private company of getting a ed £23.9 million rights issue to stock market quotation with-

out the expense of listing itself. pay for its acquisitions. The terms of the deal were Mr Robinson said that he controversial, and coming wanted to make TransTec "a immediately ahead of the flocompany of European scale tation of Mirror Group Newsthat would mean having sales of £500 million and papers, reawakened City suspicion of the "Max Factor" -

profits of about £50 million". But by 1993, the honeymoon was ending. TransTec's performance was below expectations, and it was generating too little cash to keep up the rate of acquisitions. However, found shareholders reluctant to back another rights issue: it abandoned a mooted rights issue at an early stage. splitting with its brokers and

changing its auditors. Much of the City's mistrust arose from the opacity of the accounts, not just because it was acquiring so many businesses. Using accounting practices which, while legal, infuriated investors. TransTec. frequently wrote down the assets of newly-acquired com panies to "fair value", sometimes by nearly two-thirds. Although this weakened the balance sheet, it could have an immediate effect in boosting profits. TransTec was also criticised for having a high proportion of earnings dependent on management's view of

unfinished projects. In August 1993, analysts also queried why the original Robinson businesses appeared to be losing money. Mr Robinson is reported as saying this was an accounting nicety; he had transferred those businesses elsewhere in the Trans-

He was also criticised for maintaining links between his private financial interests and the public TransTec. He sold a business he owned, the Indiana-based Roll Centre, to TransTec partly to avoid con-cerns about the pricing of services between the public

and private companies.

Tec group for tax reasons.

In October 1994. Mr Robinson gave up the post of chief executive. He denied that it was as a result of investor pressure, but several large shareholders were quoted as saying that their disappointment with earnings growth led them to push him to split the top two jobs. He said the accounting practices had been changed to make the results easier to understand.



An RUC officer in riot gear walks into street of petrol bombs in the centre of Londonderry early yesterday

Trimble hints at Adams meeting

Protestant parade through the city that "a small, extreme group was planning provocation, confrontation and violence". William Ross, the Ulster Unionist MP for East Londonderry, called the riots a deliberate act of defiance and aggression by members of Sinn Fein and the IRA that could herald the ceasefire's

The rioting broke out on Saturday evening after distur-bances earlier in the day when police restrained up to 1,000

residents of the Catholic Bogside area protesting at a traditional Apprentice Boys march through the city centre. By the time the police bought the violence under control at about 4.00am yesterday they had fired 169 plastic bullets at masked rioters who been attacking them with petrol bombs, bricks, rocks and oth-

Thirteen people, including youths and women, were arrested. The Littlewoods department store, buses and numerous hijacked cars were set on fire. Several people including an II-year-old boy and five police officers, were injured. For much of the time the fire brigade had to stay out of the city centre because of the

fighting. "Hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage has been done, millions of pounds worth of trade has been lost and the international reoutation of the city has been tarnished," said Superintendent Paul Leighton, the area's

RUC commander. Mr Ross said the riot was

mum damage to Londonderry and the peace process". [1 showed that "no matter what anyone does to placate these people, they will not be be satisfied with anything less than a united (reland".

He feared it "may be the start of a return to full-blown

John Hume, the leader of the nationalist SDLP and Londonderry's other MP, agreed that the riot had been planned in advance and strongly con-demned those responsible.

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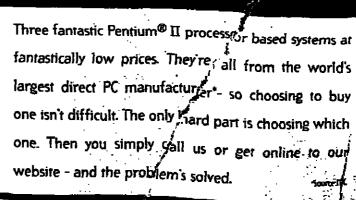
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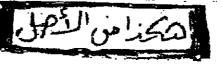
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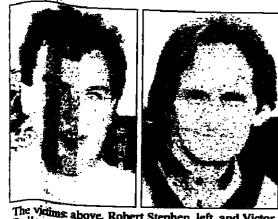


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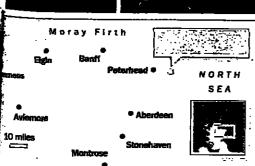


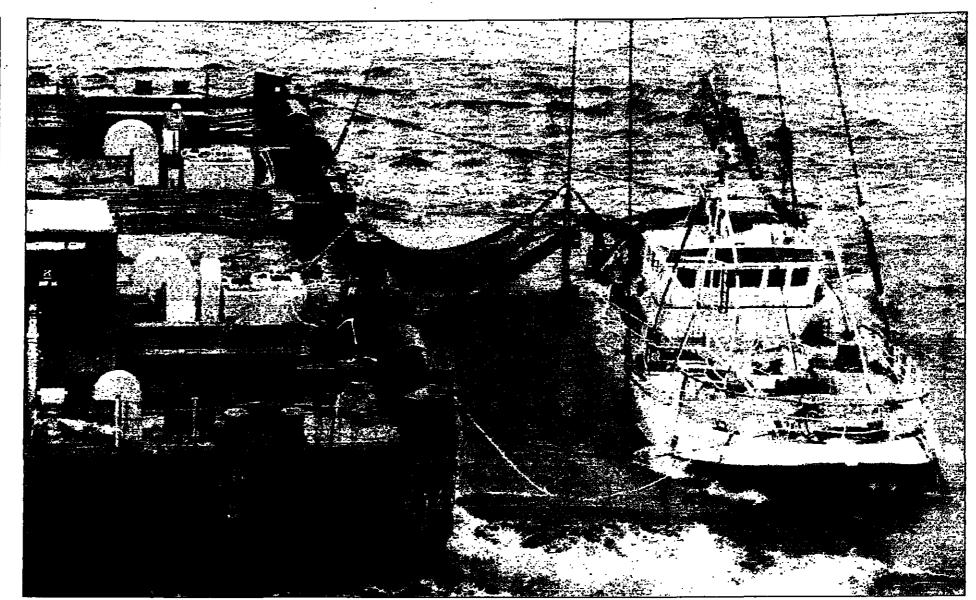
Families' relief as trawler is raised



The Victims above, Robert Stephen, left, and Victor Podiesty; below, Adam Stephen and Bruce Cameron







e fishing trawler Sapphire, which sank off the Peterhead coast ten weeks ago with the loss of four lives, being raised yesterday from the North Sea by the Tak Lift 7 barge. The recovery was paid for by donations from the public

Michael Horsnell reports on a tragedy that has touched the heart of the Scottish people and could lead to a change in the law

i ten weeks ago, was finally wered from the seabed yesterat the end of a troubled salvage

he boat, which went down in ft of water when she was hit by iant wave 12 miles off her home at of Peterhead, was raised after istant frustration for the families the drowned men caused by bad eather postponing recovery.

Last night the lifting barge that covered her sailed into a secure art of Peterhead harbour where re search for the bodies thought to e on board was to be completed. The lifting operation was performed by the Tak Lift 7 barge after a safety review and technical

E trawler Sapphire, which sank appraisal early yesterday after-1 the loss of four crew more noon led to the go-ahead for the noon led to the go-ahead for the Sapphire to be eased from her resting place on the seabed.

As the 70 ft wooden boat broke the surface of the North Sea with buckled masts and aerials, her name was just visible on the side, and fishing nets could also be seen strewn around the decks towards the stern, as she was secured to the lifting barge.

It had been hoped that the search for the bodies could be carried out at sea but, with more bad weather forecast, salvage experts decided to leave the scene and return to port rather than risk another hitch in the operation, which has been

dogged by delays.
Once the bodies of the Peterhead

fishermen, Victor Podlesny, 45, Adam Stephen, 29, Robert Stephen, 25, and Bruce Cameron, 32, have been recovered, the Sapphire will be returned to a final resting place

Mr Podlesny, a father of four, lived with his wife, Isobel, at Hope Street, Peterhead. Robert Stephen, of York Street, Peterhead, left a young widow, Shirley, and a daughter, Darcie, 2. Adam Stephen, no relation of Robert, lived with his wife Patricia in the town's Wallace Crescent. Bruce Cameron, who was divorced, lived with his parents, Bill and Wilma, at Pitfour Court, Peterhead.

Only the skipper, Victor Robertson. 27, survived the accident after the families and their supporters in escaping through the wheelhouse.

He was picked up after spending 90 minutes in a liferaft by a Sea King helicopter scrambled from RAF Lossiemouth after he had fired two red flares to raise the

Robert Cardno, chairman of the fishermen's mission in Peterhead and spokesman for the victims' relatives, said: "The families are thankful that the anxious wait of the past ten weeks is nearing an

They would like to express their enormous gratitude for all the help and support they have received during this difficult period."

As winter drew in and numerous attempts to raise the vessel failed, the close-knit Peterhead commun-

ity never let their hopes fade. The determination of the widows that their husbands' bodies should be recovered and given a Christian burial touched the hearts of the Scottish people.

After the Government refused to pay for the vessel to be recovered, the families set up the Sapphire Trust to raise the money to hire the giant floating crane.

Initial estimates suggested a cost of £380,000 and this was raised in three days as donations poured in from all over the country, from small children who gave up their pocket money, to the rich and famous such as Richard Branson, the Virgin chief, who pledged

The Sapphire campaign may

lead to reform in the Government policy of not recovering the bodies of fishermen lost at sea.

Glenda Jackson, the Shipping Minister, announced the review after criticism of her decision not to help the Sapphire families and her remark that the grieving families should view the sea as "an honourable resting place for the men".

Ms Jackson said the Sapphire case had posed "many difficult questions", and issued a consultation document so an "informed" debate could be held on the subject. At present, no public agency is

responsible for recovering bodies from fishing boat wrecks. However. technological advances in recent years - including techniques used in the development of

the North Sea oilfields - are beginning to make the recovery of

bodies from the sea possible. Alex Salmond, the SNP MP for Banff and Buchan, has given his support to the families and argued their case.

Isobel Podlesney, one of the bereaved, said: "There have been too many fishermen in the past left in a watery grave and we don't

want that for our loved ones." The wreck was located 212 weeks after she went down and an investigation was launched by the Marine Accident Investigation

branch in Southampton. The Sapphire went down on October 1 as she headed for her home port after a three-day fishing

Rugby accident rekindles fears over safety of sport

IE Wales rugby union capn who suffered a serious neck injury while leading his man on Saturday will be told later this week whether he will

ever play again. Gwyn Jones. 25. a medical student, is recovering in the University Hospital of Wales In Cardiff. His parents Alan and Anne, both doctors, are by his bedside. Although the injury is serious. Mr Jones's neck is not broken, a hospital spokeswoman said. The incident, which hap-

pened when Mr Jones fell awkwardly after making a tackle in midfield, is bound to rekindle the dehate over the safety of rugby. The sport has claimed 14 lives in the past 25 years and results in about ten

serious spinal injuries a year. But British parents whose children play rugby at school should not be worried, according to Nigel Mendoza, consultant neurosurgeon at the West



Gwyn Jones, the Wales rugby union captain, receives attention for a neck injury sustained after a tackle

at Charing Cross Hospital. "The number of serious spinal iniuries in rugby is pretty rare - no more than ten a year." he said. "There is bound to be a risk of injury in any contact sport but you are more likely to be hurt on the roads than playing rugby," In 1996, some 3,600 people were killed in road traffic accidents, and 3.800 died after accidents in

Some schools play a safer version of rugby called "new image" rugby which was

ball Union more than ten years ago. The game, in which 15-strong teams are reduced to nine, concentrates on han-

dling and passing of the ball. Instead of the fearsome tackles that characterise the adult game, players wear coloured tags around their waists. Players from the op-posing team aim to touch the tag, at which point the player must pass the ball. Children play new image rugby from the age of nine to 12 or 13, when they are introduced to

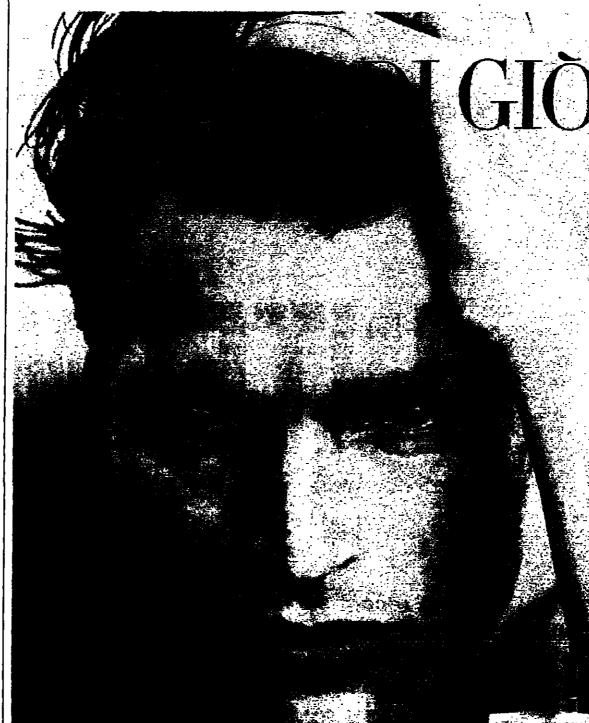
the adult game.

The Welsh Rugby Union sent its sympathy to Mr Mr Jones's family and said yesterday: "Gwyn is a highly intelligent, handsome and funloving young man at the height of his rugby career but, more importantly, an integral more importantly, an integral part of a close family and friend and talisman to countless others. We wish him a

speedy recovery." Gerald Davies, page 34

spent girlishly toboganning. I feared she might act out the poem's swiftly changing

moods too obviously and



Perfect site for Waste Land

BEFORE Wilton's Music Hall was wrecked by fire in 1880, unwary men are said to have been lured there by ladies of the night, plied with booze, robbed, dropped through a trapdoor, dragged through underground passages, and dumped in the back streets of Wapping.

Though their victims were mostly sailors, not critics, I can guess how they felt. After witnessing the tremendous Fiona Shaw give her all to The Waste Land yesterday. I too was to be found tottering along Cable Street, shaken and not a little stirred.

It was an odd yet apt setting for Shaw's delivery of T.S. Eliot's poem. You walk down an alley, past boardedbrickwork, through a pokey door, past flaking phister walls, and into a surpasingly pretty audi-

Willon's the English-

theatrical.

But could any convention-

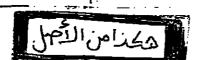
As Fiona Shaw treads the boards at a Victorian East End music hall, Benedict Nightingale finds himself deeply drawn into T.S. Eliot's desolate cityscape

speaking world's premier lament for desolate landmusic hall. George Layscapes, deadly cities, and a bourn earned £100 a night civilisation in postdiluvian decay? Rightly, Deborah Warner, who directs, limits singing Champagne Charlie is My Name, beneath a gas chandelier in which the stage effects to a yellow electric bulb or two, a couple 3,000 pieces of crystal sparkled with flame from 300 of chairs and, occasionally. burners. But the hall had Fiona Shaw's own shadow. seriously declined by 1880, looming large on the wall and after the fire it dwindled. behind. As for Shaw herself, first into a Wesleyan gospel she compensates for her mission, then into a warestark clothes - black jacket, house for rags. Now it is dark grey cardigan. finally a sometimes used as a setting simple black dress — by for movies — Oh. What a giving an astonishingly Lovely War!, Bleak House variegated. multicoloured but not for anything more performance.

explicitly. I need not have worried. True, she gives us a comic peek at the self-impor-

As she launched into the lines about cruel April, conal theatre better suit Eliot's vivial summer and a winter

tant dairvoyante, Madame Sosostris, shows us the "house agent's clerk" in cold seducer's mode, and even lets the thunder dryly boom. Yet gravity and wry incisiveness are there too. The clatter of a pub at closing time shifts into a painfully dignified "Good night, sweet ladies". You can see the dead trees, the dry rocks, the rat dragging itself along slimy canal banks, the drowned sailor with pearls for eyes. You can hear the shuffling footsteps, the wind under the door, the red snarling faces, the "jug jug" of loveless copulation. In the weird decrepitude of Wilton's, you experience the baffled de-



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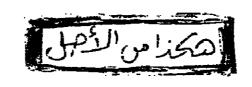
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believes in Santa Claus. Then, he take

15-stone woman sues Harrods for 'sizeism'

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

15-STONE American businessoman who says she was a victim "sizeism" when she was thrown Aut of Harrods for wearing legfings is to sue for damages. Allene Kadden had bought her 50 outlit of brown leggings and white embroidered shirt in the e on a previous trip, but said she was told Mohamed Al d, the owner, did not like she was wearing. wyers for Ms Kadden, 48,

p issue a writ for defamation ing that other customers ht she had been shoplifting she was asked to leave by a y guard at the Knightsore in May. Ms Kadden wanted to make a stand women after failing to n apology from the phammed Al Fayed. receive

owner, N a mortifying experisaid. "I was immacupome from the beauty parlour th morning. I'd had my and I worked in the ness so I know how to hair done fashion but dress. As n large. I am always careful. But I was



Al Fayed: facing a claim valued up to £40,000

told I had to leave, which was particularly humiliating as I was with my mother who was wearing just the same kind of clothes but

was undisturbed." Ms Kadden, who is 5ft 9ins and takes a size 20, had spent about £1,400 in the store that day, and says she is particularly hurt that the shop was willing to let her spend her money but then objected to her apparel. She said the customer services department had later confirmed that Mr Al

I think it was a bad judgment call but what has hurt me subsequently is that he has refused to issue a simple apology. All I wanted was a card or flowers to say sorry, but despite exchanging a number of letters, it appears international goodwill means nothing."
At her £300-a-night hotel suite

only yards away from Harrods, Ms Kadden said she did not want other people to experience her humiliation: "I'm only a little person but I want to make a stand against this kind of behaviour. I've shopped around the world and I've never been treated the way I was in Harrods that day. It has shattered my self-confidence to the core.'

The Californian, who is a children's clothing buyer with offices in Los Angeles, New York and Dallas, and who includes Zandra Rhodes, the designer, among her friends, said the incident had ended her 26-yearold love affair with the store: "I've come to London to shop for many vears now, but I will never set foot

Fayed had personally objected to in the store again after its welcome that day. It's appalling it feels it can pick and choose its customers. It is a heartless and discriminatory policy."

Mark Stephens, her lawyer

said that they would be suing Mr Al Fayed for damages on three principles. "Ms Kadden was admitted to the store past the security guards, which means they had approved what she was wearing," she said. Secondly, throwing her out was clearly sizeist, as her mother

was not asked to leave even

though she was wearing the same

kind of thing. But our main battleground is that the reaction of other shoppers made it clear they thought Ms Kadden was being arrested for shoplifting. We want substantial compensation for defamation and hurt feelings." Legal experts value Ms Kadden's claim at between £30,000 to £40.000, which the American said she would donate to charity if successful. A spokesman for Harrods, which introduced a rigid dress code in 1989, banning unsuitable attire, de-

clined to comment yesterday.



Ailene Kadden said: "I'm a little person. I want to make a stand"

Fat chance and the weight of evidence

IN AN age of endless fashion images of thin models. there are increasing claims of annoyance and discrimination among those who do not believe that the human frame is likely to shrink to a uniform size ten.

A European study showed more likely to find themselves broke, unemployed and miserable, while their slender rivals were more successful.

A Manchester barrister is compiling complaints on be-half of hundreds of people who claim they are being refused NHS treatment because they are too fat. Earlier this year, a hospital in Nottinghamshire denied surgery to a 20-stone woman on the ground that she was too heavy for the operating

The Department of Social Security, which can make funeral grants of up to £500, has been orged to pay more for special coffins for fat

Waite speaks out against privacy law

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

TERRY WAITE, the former Beirut hostage, has called for the "priceless jewel" of press freedom to be defended against the threat of a privacy law.

Despite his own family having been harassed by journalists, Mr Waite gave warning of the dangers of imposing restrictions on newspapers on the basis of extreme cases of

Next month, judges in Strasbourg will begin hearing Barl Spencer's claim that, with respect to the publication of photographs of his ex-wife at a dinic, the Government failed to protect his right to privacy under the European Convennon on Human Rights. The Covernment is considering excluding newspapers from that article of the convention law. But if Earl Spencer wins is case, a right to privacy for ritish subjects might be imsed over the heads of British

Mr Waite said: "I can impathise with Earl Spencer d people who have their this violated. But I don't ink you make the whole case r muzzling the press because a breach of good taste and mmon sense. We are in danger of being swayed by mass emotion. It is very hard sometimes for people to make reasonable judgments about these things.

"They see Earl Spencer's wife's privacy was violated; Princess Diana's privacy was violated — so they think: let's close all loopholes, fine journalists, lock them up."

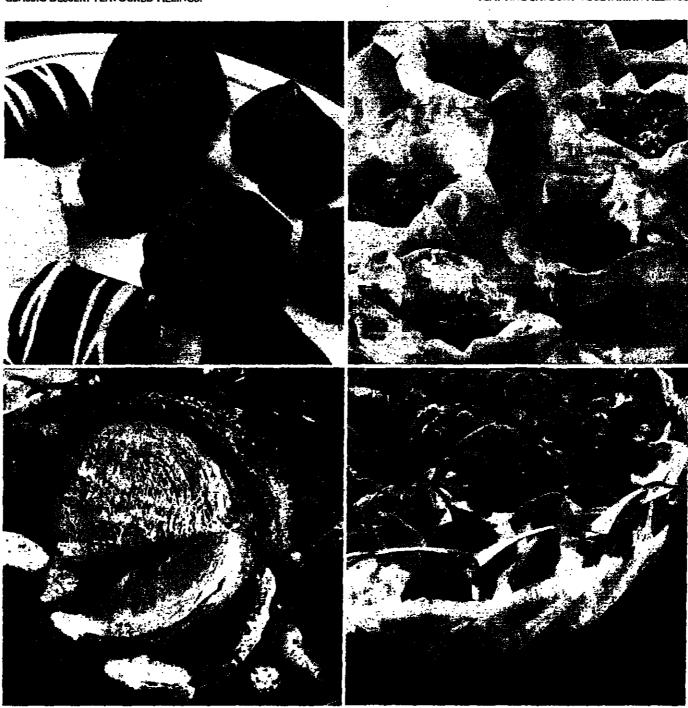
Mr Waite, who was an envoy of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said reporters used to gather outside his home when he was a hostage, wait for his wife to leave the house, and then push messages through the door knowing that his children were on their own. "That was an intolerable and terrible

strain for them," he said. When his wife challenged that since one editor had stationed a reporter on his doorstep, the rest had to stay there too in case they missed

anything. Eventually, she reported them to the Press Complaints Commission — the voluntary body that regulates newspapers, which called the journalists off. Mr Waite said he preferred that kind of agreement to legal restrictions.

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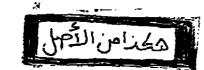
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Cambridge gets £2m from the Eastender who means business

THE son of a fishmonger from London's East End never forgot how a year at Cambridge put him on course for a successful business careeer in America. Now Dennis Gillings has become one of the university's largest donors. with a £2 million donation to its business school.

Dennis Gillings was intro-

duced to statistics in a diploma course at Cambridge, and went on to found a international healthcare manage-ment firm based in the US. Business studies have been scorned by some academics at Britain's ancient universities as a field unworthy of their attention, but Dr Gillings, 53. described this as "absolute

He said: "To make the rather snobbish assertion that people in commercial life are not as brainy as people in other sorts of life, and that the roblems are not as complex, just nonsense. It shows a lack of understanding in some areas of society." His donation will establish a Dennis Gillings Professorship of Health Management.

Born during the Second World War in the East End,



Said: a benefactor of

ble circumstances with the privation of rationing. His high IQ enabled him to win a place at grammar school, and from there he went to Essex University, gaining a first in mathematics. "I didn't know anyone as a kid who went to university. I felt privileged,"

he said. He took a postgradu-Cambridge in 1967. "That set me on the path of my current career. I owe it a lot." he said. He went back to Essex for his doctorate, then went to

becoming a professor in the Department of Biostatistics at the University of North Carolina. In 1982, he founded his company. Quintiles, which provides contract research, sales and marketing advice for pharmaceutical companies and information management for the healthcare industry. It employs 9,000 people in 25 countries, and has been tipped to make an annual profit of about E30 million. Dr Gillings's shareholding in Quintiles is

now worth more than El30 million. Although he lives in a fairly modest home in North Carolina, he jets around the world in his own Cessna, and has a flat in Mayfair for visits to London. His company was formed after he was called in by the German company Hoechst over deaths allegedly linked to its diabetes drug Diabeta. By analysing hospital data, he

A thankful Dennis Gillings, who said: "I didn't know anyone as a kid who went to university. I felt privileged" deaths were caused by preexisting kidney or liver complaints. From then on he was in demand from pharmaceutical companies to process drug

Dr Gillings said he admired the Judge Institute, Cam-bridge's business school,

because it embodied a "sensible" attitude by embracing a very vocational area of teaching and research.

The Judge Institute, based in the former Addenbrooke's hospital building, was opened by the Queen in March last

Oxford, the Said Business School, which is in the process of being set up following a £20 million gift from Wasic Said, the Syrian-born businessman. The business schools have been particularly successful in attracting fund-

possible by the donation of £8 million from Sir Paul Judge, a Cambridge graduate. Simon Sainsbury gave £5 million to the Judge, and fellow alumnus Peter Beckwith gave E5 million to the university, with E1 million ring-fenced for the business school.

Students clamour for places despite new fees

By DAVID CHARTER

THE introduction of £1.000 tuition fees is creating a marketplace where students are clamouring for the best in higher education. Applications to Britain's top universities are buoyant despite a general drop of about 6 per cent, figures reveal.

Fewer than ten of the country's 96 universities have so far received a year-on-year rise in applications. Among these are London School of Eco-nomics, which came fourth in The Times university rankings. Warwick (fifth) and York (cixth).

A further 20 cave in-creased their share of applicants, including the rest of the The Times top ten: Cambridge, Oxford, Imperial College Lon-don, University College London, Durham, St Andrews and Edinburgh.

Warwick University, whose applications are 3 per cent up on this time last year, has increased its A-level targets for candidates in ten popular courses because they are

so oversubscribed. At the other end of the spectrum, several former polytechnics have found applications down by up to 20 per cent. At Liverpool John Moores University, where there are 15 per cent fewer candidates, a spokeswoman said the downturn was "across the board", suggesting that tuition fees

might be to blame. The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service has written to all candidates reminding them that applications can still be made after tomorrow's formal closing date for entry next autumn. Many universities were yesterday reporting signs of a late rush in applications as students realised that the £1,000 fee will be means-

Manchester Metropolitan University, where ap-20 per cent at the end of vember, said yesterday that latest figures. showed it was now 5 per

cent down on last year. news for former polytechnics, with Thames Valley University and The University of the West of England in Bristol showing a rise in applications.

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Cambridge plans to spend £750,000 introducing 300 senior lecturerships in an attempt to boost staff morale, reports David Charter

CAMBRIDGE University is planning to spend £750,000 promoting 300 lecturers to placate dons about their perceived low status.

Academics have voted to create the post of senior lecturer. In so doing they have rejected Oxford University's solution to its staff morale crisis: the creation of 162

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titular professors. Cambridge dons decided on the new salaried post because it will allow lecturers who have reached the top of the ordinary from £29,875 to £33,202.

In rejecting titular profes-sorships, which bring no extra salary, Cambridge dons have agreed to keep the system that professor each year, on a salary of E41,288. There will also be no in-

crease in the 30 promotions to readerships, the post immediately below professor, which brings £35,893 and, more importantly, status. Campaigners for change in

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that they would continue to fight for more professorships. Oxford decided to double its number of professors two years ago partly because it was worried that the best academics would leave for America, where the title is more readily available. Unlike most universities, Oxford does not have senior lectureships.

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Gillian Evans, a medieval history don who has brought several legal challenges against the Cambridge authorities in an attempt to reform its promotions system, including a claim of sexual discrimination, said that the post of senior lecturer was a welcome development but was not the end of her battle. Dr Evans said: "Senior lec-

tureships will reward a lot of people who do much of the sterling work in the boiler room of the university. But it is an also-ran title. It is a consolation prize for those who are doing really outstanding research and should be getting a readership or

She criticised the university's consultation questionnaire on promotions because it did not ask whether academics thought that everyone who deserved a professorship should get one. Cambridge maintains that it does not have the money to extend the number of professorships and readerships. in the consultation, dons

voted to reject titular professorships by two to one and agreed to keep the existing professor promotion scheme by three to two. The plan for senior lecturers was by far the most popular of four schemes. which included the status ouo.

The General Board of the Faculties, which represents Cambridge departments, has proposed the scheme. It now needs the formal approval of

the university's ruling council. The board said that about 40 per cent of Cambridge's 716 lecturers should be promoted to bring it into line with others

cludes Birmingham, Bristol. Leeds, Oxford and University College London. Among these, unpromoted lecturers make up 47 per cent of academic staff, while at Cambridge the figure is 64 per cent.
The Cambridge board con-

cluded that it wanted to move towards 47 per cent quickly. It assume that a significant proportion of university lecturers deserve recognition in respect of the excellence of their contribution in teaching, administration and research."

The board added: "The additional recurrent cost E750,000 a year. The cost would be offset by savings accruing from the gradual phasing out of the discretionary payments for university £150,000 anually."

Lawyers lose role to CPS officials

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIALS in the Crown Prosecution Service are to be given the authority to deal with tens of thousands of cases in magistrates' courts, the Government is to announce tomorrow.

Jack Straw will tell MPs that lay presenters are to be allowed to present uncontested cases in an attempt to cut costs and free lawyers to focus

on not guilty pleas. Hundreds of administrators working in the Crown Prosecution Service will be given powers similar to those of staff working for Customs and Excise and the Health and Safety Executive in cases where a defendant pleads guilty. Some 734,000 — 81 per cent — of all cases dealt with in magistrates' courts in 1996-97 were uncontested.

The change, expected to be included in the Crime and Disorder Bill, is one of a package of measures outlined in a review of delays in the criminal justice system published by the Home Office in February. The Home Secretary's proposal is strongly opposed by the Law Society and the Bar, which fear that their professional status is being undermined.

An attempt in 1988 to allow files to be reviewed by CPS executive officers was ruled unlawful by the courts after the First Division Association challenged the move by the then Director of Public Prosecutions.

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Class tightens its grip on Britain

reat of the dole queue sharpens e distinction between who's up d who's down, says a new social

ofile. Mark Henderson reports

researchers commis-

Mr Major pledged to do became Prime Minister in but a report published recommends increasing the symber of classes used to categorise the public in gov-erundent documents.

Job security or lack of it leads to crucial class distinctions, says the professor in charge of the research. The eport, commissioned by the Office for National Statistics in 1995, finds that the current classification of people according to six occupational groups is out of date and misleading. It proposes eight social class-es, still based on occupation but with tighter descriptions and new categories.

The system takes into account the "underclass" of people who have never worked or are long-term unmployed or ill. It also splits ne of the most visible social roups in 1980s Britain, the manual workers nown by market researchers C2s, whose support for largaret Thatcher kept the

onservatives in power. David Rose, Professor of ciology at Essex University leader of the review, said: ohn Major liked to talk out a classless society, but if nything occupational class as become more significant

MAJOR'S dream of a as we learn to live with the s society remains just flexible labour market.

"The demise of the unions by his Government and a job for life mean a person's relationship to their job is now a defining part of who they are." Professionals, employers and managers still had much greater job security than employees, leading to crucial class distinctions.

If the statistics office approves the changes, the re-vised structure should be ready for the 2001 census. Under current practice, people are classified into social groups according to their job. So, for example, professionals such as doctors and lawyers are in Class I. and unskilled labourers in

Technical and managerial occupations such as engineers form Class II, skilled nonmanual workers such as secretaries or nurses make up Class III (N), skilled manual workers such as carpenters are Class III (M), and semiskilled workers such as lorry drivers comprise Class IV.

Class indicators have been used by the Government since 1911 and the current model has been largely unchanged since 1921. Class III was divided into manual and nonmanual workers in 1971.

The official classes are used as the building blocks for the A, B, Cl, C2, D and E social class indicators used by advertisers, pollsters and market researchers. Classes A and



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and C2 to III (N) and III (M).

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and law firm staff going in

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would be for self-employed

non-professionals, such as

driving instructors and car-penters. Class 5 would repre-

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workers and supervisors,

with Class 6 made up of

'routine occupations" such as

lorry-drivers and traffic war-

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and cleaners, many of whom

work on a casual basis, set

them apart from other man-

Professor Rose said that the

the underclass in Class 8.

(eg fast food weiter cashler, cleaner

(eg lorry driver, waiter)

ual workers. The new class model would allow more accurate assessment of social trends, such as connections between health and class, he said. Market researchers and advertisers would do well to adopt the new categories. "The old system is no longer delivering results, as it is so hard to tell what the

groupings signify," he said.

Class 8

long term

NEWS IN BRIEF

British teenagers are top earners

British teenagers have a higher income than their counterparts in Germany, Italy and France, a survey shows. Euroquest questioned 10,000 teenagers and found that those in Britain earned a weekly average of £25.84, compared with £20.57 in Germany, £12.17 in France and £11.54 in Italy.

Some 75 per cent of British teenagers have a television in their bedroom, compared with 33 per cent of French teenagers. They also spent the most time on computers.

Asylum escapers Nearly 7,000 out of 55,000 people seeking asylum in Britain have gone into hiding to evade deportation and are living as illegal immigrants, according to the Home Office.

A spokesman said the figure is likely to go higher as checks are still being carried out.

Funicular plea

The World Wildlife Fund in Scotland, campaigning against plans for a funicular railway in the Cairngorms, has asked for £3 million of European money earmarked for the scheme to be used for other local developments if its objections are upheld.

III tidings

Medical staff need more training in how to break bad news to terminally ill patients. A study based at Castle Hill Hospital, Hull, found four out of five patients received little information about their prog-nosis and how they would be cared for in the future.

anger over paparazzi

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

DODI FAYED instructed his driver to speed away from pursuing photographers in a car chase through Paris that took place just a few hours before the crash in which he and Diana, Princess of Wales. tied, according to her

Trevor Rees-Jones, 29, the le survivor of the accident, has told French police that Mr Fayed was annoyed to find a posse of paparazzi waiting when the couple landed at Le Sourget on the afternoon be-

ore the crash. Mr Rees-Jones, who is sufring partial amnesia, told ivestigators that Mr Fayed old his driver to speed up to ry to shake off the photograhers during the drive from

the airport into Paris. "Dodi asked the chauffeur to accelerate to lose the pursuing photographers," Mr Rees-Jones was quoted as saying.

The paparazzi, however, kept pace with the car carrying the Princess and her friend, and more were waiting when they arrived at the Ritz hotel, further angering Mr Fayed. "We had to push the journalists back. Dodi did not like the situation at all, and made his feelings known." Mr Rees-Jones told the Swiss

newspaper Blick. Later that night, with photographers again in pursuit, the couple sped away from the back door of the Ritz, with chauffeur Henri Paul at the wheel of the Mercedes. Min-

utes later, the car smashed at high speed into a pillar in the Pont de l'Alma underpass, killing Mr Fayed and Mr Paul and fatally injuring the Princess.

Mr Rees-Jones, who suffered chest, face, and neck injuries, cannot remember anything of the immediate circumstances surroundir the crash, but his latest recollections shed further light on the state of mind of the car's occupants, which may prove crucial in the continuing judi-

cial investigation. Mr Paul was found to be well over the legal drinkdriving limit and tests also revealed traces of powerful prescription drugs in his

Guard recalls Dodi's Lawyers question each other on sex, lies and videotape

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LOVE affairs and stolen property at leading City law firms are exposed this week in a review of the kind of mergers and acquisitions that they would rather keep

A Christmas quiz in their monthly glossy magazine Legal Business asks questions firm where two partners. both married (though not to each other) were caught on security camera? The security guard thought that it was the best blue movie that he had

To protect the guilty, the magazine does not publish answers to the questions. It is up to lawyers to try to guess the culprits as colthe editor, Martha Klein. insists that all the gossip is

"We check the veracity of everything out and we know the answer in every case," she said. "It's picked up from lawvers and their clients as we chat with them through-

Lawyers, she says, claim that they hate gossip. "But this is the article they most look forward to all year. There is a question about the senior partner of a top

regional firm who has been nned from this under at table at an exclusive restaurant at last year's event.

American law firm in London is being investigated by the police for handling stolen goods after it snapped up bargain-priced law books from a shoplifter?"

Then there is the law firm which apparently mounted a secret surveillance camera on its drinks cabinet in the client dining rooms after three bottles of expensive brandy disappeared in as many

There is also avarice a solicitor who nearly died in a crash, after falling asleep at the wheel, was reportedly

senior partner is said to be having private lessons on improving his body language and curbing involuntary noises. His head reportedly snaps round to the left when he is lying.

Others are said to have nicknames such as "the flying fornicator" or "bedwetter Boh". Meanwhile, an and marketer of scholarly legai works also has two sex manuals in his list of

publications. The magazine steadfastly refuses to confirm or deny if suggested answers are right We don't want any libel suits," Ms Klein joked, adding: "It is really that we don't want to embarrass anyone.

Cruelty to turkeys

Lax slaughter practices mean many Christmas turkeys suffer electric shocks before being stunned and some could even regain consciousness after having their necks cut and being prepared for plucking, a report by Compassion in World Farming says.

Rich picking

An acoustic guitar signed by Bob Dylan was bought for £6,000 in a charity auction run by a Bristol radio station. Anna Gale of Pilning bought the instrument as a Christmas present for her husband. The station, GWR, had expected it to sell for £2,000.

Man of the match A father walked his daughter up the aisle, then married her himself. The Rev Owen Williams gave away his daughter Sue before conducting the service for her wedding to David Jackson at Christ



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Schools alert over 'date rape' drug

Daniel McGrory examines the threat to teenagers from spiked drinks

WARNINGS are being sent to schools about the increasing are being sexually anacked after being given "date rape" drugs that are freely available

In the most recent incidents two girls aged 14 and 15 from the same school in the Borders were raped by a gang of boys were too afraid to tell their parents because they were drugged while taking part in under-age drinking sessions.

have evidence that teenage girls who have rried to buy Ecstasy in clubs and at allnight raves have been given tranquillisers and then raped

Anne Hill, chief executive of the Scorrish Schoolboards Association, which is sending out These girls think they are being big by trying to get Ecstasy, but they wouldn't know what the tablet looks like from a paracetamol.

They look to everyone around them as though they are drunk and no one takes much notice when boys take them outside. After that the girls don't even know how many have had sex with them.

They are alraid to tell their parents because often they should not have been at the club or drinking on a street corner. They don't know if they have got Aids or are pregnant, so we have sent

Rohypnol is a tiny, dia-

mond-shaped purple tablet

used for the short-term

treatment of severe insom-

nia. It can also be used to

induce sleep at unusual

times and is a useful anaes-

Rohypnol is a Roche brand name for flunitraze-

pam, one of a group of

sleeping drugs regarded by

doctors as having few ad-

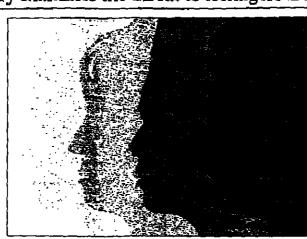
verse effects and being rela-

tively safe in overdose. It

works by depressing activity

in the part of the brain that

controls emotion. The drug



Girls can be unwilling to reveal their ordeal because often they have been taking part in under-age drinking

should seek help immediately

from anyone around. If something does happen,

women are advised to go to a

possible so that a urine sample

can be taken. Scotland Yard is training all officers who

specialise in dealing with sex

offence victims how to recog-

nise the symptoms of the

presence of Rohypnol.
Scotland Yard detectives

refuse to say how many women have been assaulted

after having their drinks spiked with the drug, and fear

that publicity might encour-

paign Director of Scotland

Against Drugs, said: "If you

stream after 36 hours and is

not detectable in urine after

Although Rohypnol is not on the NHS list of con-

trolled drugs, it is easily

available from private

health clinics, costing £5 for 30. The drug is sold on the

black market as a heroin

substitute and many drug

abusers are said to have

begun their habit after

Councillors on Merseyside have called for

Rohypnol to be banned in Britain.

72 hours.

using it.

But David Macauley, Cam-

age further attacks

warnings to schools. We also want teenagers to inform on those who drug girls."

The advice sent to girls at Scottish state schools warns them not to join in under-age drinking with boys that they do not know and trust.

Police are concerned that women could fall prey to having their drinks spiked by drugs such as Rohypnol. which is thought to have been used in hundreds of date rape attacks in America.

They warn women to be cautious when accepting drinks from strangers, especially if they are alone, and not to leave drinks unattended. Officers say that if after one drink a women starts to feel drunk or disorientated, she

THE PURPLE 'DIAMOND' THAT CAUSES DROWSINESS

blocks transmission of elec-

trical impulses, reducing

communication between

brain cells. In large enough

doses, this causes drowsi

ness. It is also prescribed to

relieve back pain. Rohypnol, which has the

street nickname Roofie, is ten times more powerful than Valium. Slipped into a

drink it can induce a

trance-like state within 15

minutes. lasting for 12

hours. Ground up in a

drink, it is tasteless, colour-

less and odourless. Ro-

hypnol leaves the blood-

requirement for a date-rape drug that is hard for police or victims to prove, this is it. One side-effect for the victim is often amnesia. By the time she puts together the pieces of what happened, the drug can't be traced by the usual toxicology tests by police.

We have to face the fact that, now it is here. Rohypnol is not going to go away. There is a debate about whether you should publish its presence as you fan the flames, but women have to be warned. A sad consequence is that women are bound to wary of the most innocent of interpersonal contact such as accepting a drink from a man you don't know."

Dr Macauley, who is a pharmacist, said: "At the moment it [Rohypnol] is coming from bogus prescriptions. and is cheap to buy on the black market. There are more victims than we think."

His Glasgow-based campaign group has evidence that other tranquillisers are also being used on young girls. They have been given a mixture of alcohol and temazepam and then raped. Girls have also been given diazepam, ephedrine and katamine. Police are also worried about white or pink tablets with an "S" logo on them that are a mix of strong

sedatives and anaesthetic. This week a new charity the Roofie Foundation - is being launched to combat the misuse of Rohypnol and other tranquillisers. It is setting up a safe house for victims and a telephone helpline. Graham Rhodes, its director, said: There are many more cases than anyone realises and the police admit it is often hard to prove. It actually heightens a **Born Free Appeal** woman's sex drive in some

prove that she was raped." Roche, which manufactures Rohypnol in Britain, said that it had no plans to withdraw the drug from the UK market. A spokesman said: "We are extremely concerned at the possibility that one of our products might have been

cases and she can thus appear

a willing participant, which makes it still harder in court to

Ms Moynihan with a patient at the Royal Marsden Hospital. She said men remained ignorant of cancer Time to break the silence surrounding male cancer

THE TIMES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

CANCER remains a taboo word among men, accordtion. Clare Moynihan, from the Institute of Cancer Research, says that health professionals collude with men in keeping quiet about the

Although men are generally reticent about discussing medical matters, some are simply not given the opportunity to voice their concerns. In response, the search in London launched the everyman campaign to highlight awareness of male cancers. This Christmas, as one of its two charity ap-

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By Anjana Ahuja fessionals should take some

ing its appeal for £40,000 to buy a gene sequencing machine which will help to ame, she says. "Men often complain that their GPs send them pack-ing. They also say specialists discuss medical matters in a unravel the genetic basis of prostate cancer. The cancer predicted to affect one in very dry manner, as if they four men by 2018. Ms Moynihan are describing the body as a piece of engineering. There is little discussion of Men tend not to talk to each other. There are maga-

zines for men but not many

read them. One of the men

talked to worked in a shipyard and said that if be

took a health magazine to

work he would be called a

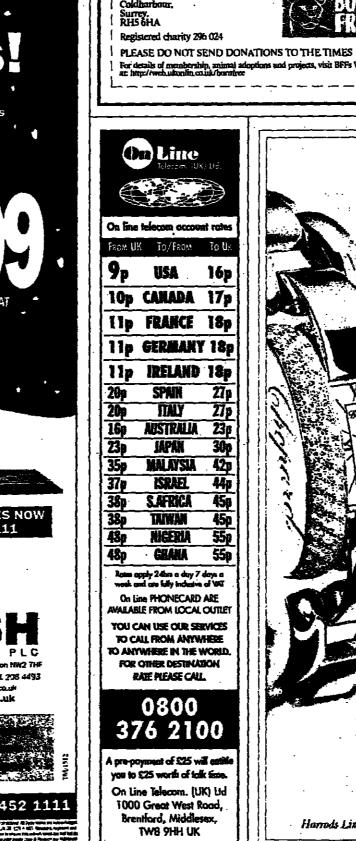
Ms Moynihan has spent 12 years gathering the opin-ions and attitudes of male healthy men who have a

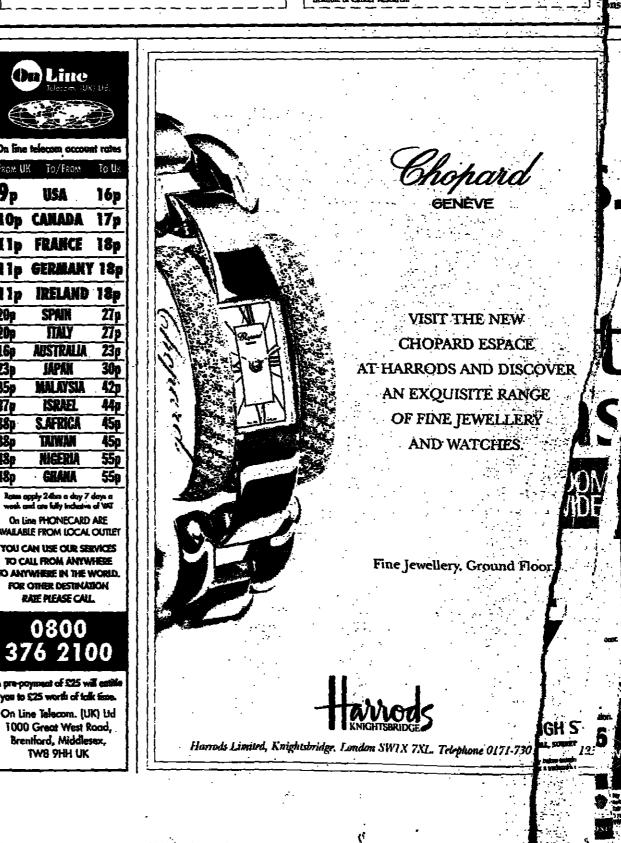
work has been funded by the Bob Champion Trust and the Cancer Research Campaign. She has found that men know more about common genetic diseases than cancer, and can talk knowledgeably about the influence of genes and environment. But a startling ularly prostate and testicu-

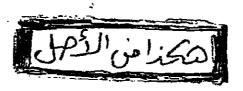
Even if they do know ahout prostate cancer, they may not feel comfortable talking about it because some aspects, such as rectal deal with. The answer, Ms

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Rhinos will pay price of Mugabe farm seizures

young black rhinos, will begin their journey to the wild this week. But if President Mugahe of Zimbabwe goes ahead with plans to seize more than 1,500 mainly whiteowned commercial farms. they will be the last beneficiaries of Africa's largest and most successful breeding pro-Zimbabwe, says gramme for the endangered

Bred on Imire game ranch. 50 miles east of Harare, the youngsters represent the best hopes Zimbabwe has of preserving its population of only 230 rhinos. Imire has been guzetted for government acquisition on a list of 1.503 properties to be "redistributamong "indigenous" people. The Government has admitted that ordinary people will not be able to afford to run them, and ministers say the black Zimbabweans who have enough money to keep them

Policy is a blow to wildlife and economy, Sam Kiley in Wedza,

going - former ministers, for example. In short, there are free farms for the boys in Mr Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic

Front). Useless for arable agriculture. Imire was turned over to game several years ago by Norman Travers in a bold experiment to preserve the rhinos and establish a herd of African elephants trained to work the land. The tiny rhinos are the product of an acceler-Now Mr Mugabe wants to

compensation for the land itself and with only a vague undertaking to pay for imerican and British donors say scrapping the rhino-breeding and the elephant-training programme will be disastrous for wildlife and tourism.

Moreover, experts forecast economic disaster if the land seizures go ahead. Panic on the local stock exchange has sent the Zimbabwe dollar plummeting as capital has poured out of the country. "The advice is sumple, get

your money out and then get yourself out, before Mugabe grabs some other part of the economy." said Dr Richard Saunders, a Harare-based Canadian economist. Most of the farms listed for

seizure changed hands after independence in 1980 - and 83 of them are owned by blacks. Playing the race card after 17 years impresses no one and



Mark Travers, front left, feeds a rhino while his grandfather, Norman, and mother, Barbara, watch over the fence. Gill Travers holds Nigel on the animal's back. They run Africa's biggest breeding project for the endangered species

simply shows up Mugabe for Tsvangirai, secretary-general of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions.

A handful of white commercial farmers have threatened to poison their wells and tear down buildings. Most are trying to offer Mr Mugabe a face-saving alternative. "It does not make sense to smash an industry which produces 50 per cent of Zimbabwe's export earnings and gross domestic product," said John Travers, who now manages his father's tobacco farm next door to

landlords and poorly utilised properties should be handed over to the people. We should all contribute 10 to 15 per cent of our land, and offer a commitment to help the new owners to farm it commercially. That way we would add to growth, not strangle it."

The concept could produce

the 4 million hectares Mr Mugabe wants for "redistributton", and has widespread support within the Commercial Farmers Union. But it has one major flaw: it would mean handing plots of land to ordinary people. Senior Zanu members are likely to choke

Mandela hints at Inkatha merger

IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela yes terday raised the prospect of a merger between his ruling African National Congress and long-time political rivals in the Inkatha Freedom Party on the eve of the ANC's 50th conference. Mr Mandela will stand down as

party leader at the gathering. In an interview with the South African Broadcasting Corporation before one of the most critical conferences in the ANC's 85-year history. Mr Mandela said a merger with Chief Mangosuthu Bothel-ezi's Zulu-led Inkatha would be a "very progressive development", as South Africans needed to speak with one

Referring to private talks he had held with Chief Buthelezi, Mr Mandela also said he would be happy if the Inkatha leader were offered the deputy

"It is not a quesiton of black unity, but the unity of the entire country that will be the guiding principle," Mr Man-dela said. "We are busy with the task of uniting the entire nation. That's why we have the Government of National



FROM DAVID ORR IN BARDERA

SUPPLIES airlifted yesterday to the village of Salagle were the first its people had received since floods devastated southem Somalia six weeks ago. Food, blankets and plastic

sheeting were flown to the 850 families in the village about 25 miles south of Bardera by United Nations helicopter. Most of our village was ubmerged when the Jubba River burst its banks," said Mohamed Omar Habdi, who works for the World Vision aid agency. Now the waters are receding, but mosquitoes are

breeding and causing malaria. Our underground stores of cereals have been destroyed and our carnels have died." Southern Somalia is only now starting to recover from the worst floods in the region for more than three decades. Nearly 1,800 people died in the disaster; most were drowned

but some were taken by crocodiles or died of snake bite. Now that the water level is falling, most of the reported deaths are from malaria, diarrhoea or respiratory

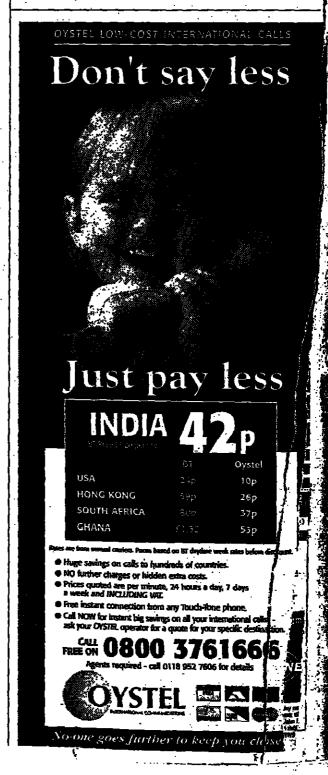
infections.
The UN has two Bulgarian Mi8 helicopters and 21 Norwegian boats as part of a \$13 mil-lion (£7.5 million) emergency operation. The helicopters fly shuttle missions from northern Kenya.

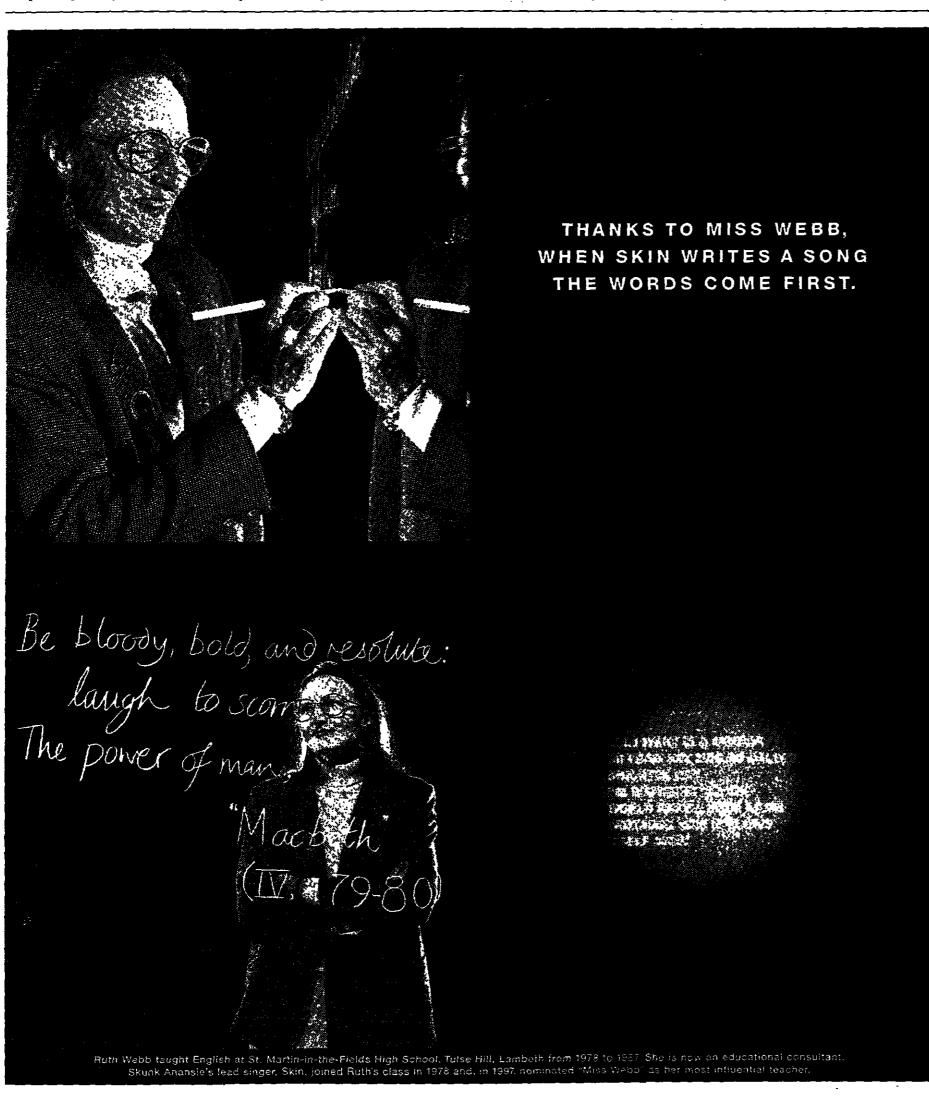
"In the last three days we've reached 2,500 families with relief flights," says Roger Car-ter of Unicef in Bardera.

Bardera is a model of relative peace in a country plagued by anarchy and faction fighting. Six years after the overthrow of the dictator. Siad Barre, Somalia remains without central government. It is left up to the resources and ingenuity of local warlords to fend for the people living

under their protection. In Bardera and its hinterland, that role has fallen to Omar Haji and his Somali National Front His militiamen patrol the decaying town and the airstrip which lies on its outskirts. Unlike much of the country. Bardera has its own court, its own jail and its







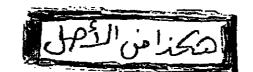
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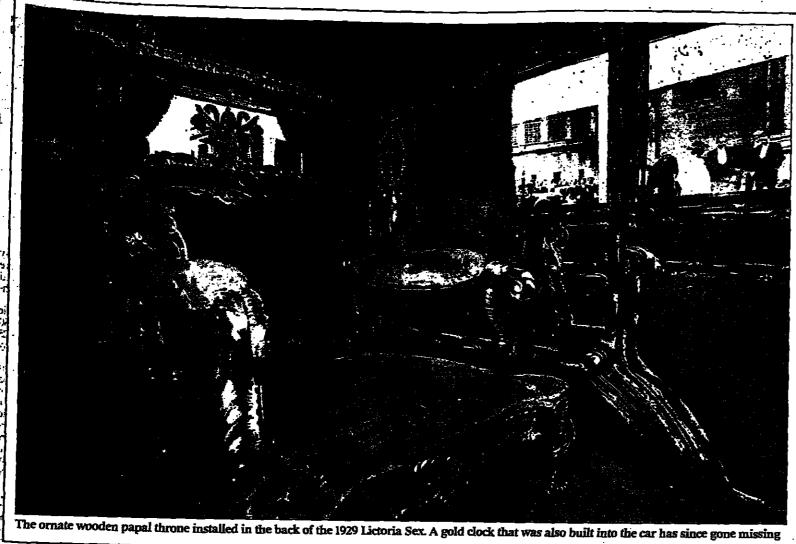
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The 1947 Cadillac 75 obtained for Pope Pius XII to replace his damaged Mercedes Popes' divine drives on show

Vatican's white and yellow

pennant. The display is

drawn from the Vatican ga-

rages and private collections.

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Vatican's collection of papai cars has gone on show the first time, revealing that although the present emphasis is on bullet-proof security, the early 20th-century successors of St Peter had a Mr Toad-like predeliction for luxury, style and speed.
The exhibition at the Mo-

For many, the star of the show will be the Lictoria Sex built by Citroën Italiana in 1929 for Pius XI — or at least its interior, which was retor Fair at Pordenone, in the stored last year, minus a gold clock that had mysteriously Venetian hinterland near Udine, brings together a disappeared. The back seat

throne that is upholstered in - restored Citroens, Mercedes, crimson velvet Chryslers and Cadillacs, all with the papal insignia on their doors and flying the

Pope Pius XII switched to "big and solid" American cars, such as the Cadillac 75 obtained by the Vatican in 1947, after his Mercedes was damaged by a crush of

Paul VI (1963-78) introduced the first "Popemobile". a white Toyota off-roader. in 1976. But it is the present Pope, John Paul II, who has made the Popemobile a symbol of the nanacy. In March.

Prosecutor says French harbour war criminals in Bosnia

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE chief prosecutor at the who served in Bosnia to testify Bosnian war crimes tribunal and taking too long to supply in The Hague has accused France of allowing the southeast sector of Bosnia under its deliberate policy. It is unac-control to become a haven for ceptable," she said. indicted war criminals.

Louise Arbour, the outspoken Canadian judge leading the prosecution of war criminals in the former Yogoslavia and Rwanda, claimed France had consistently failed to act against known war crime suspects in Bosnia and accused Paris of pursuing a "deliberate policy" of non-cooperation with the court.

She contrasted Britain's energetic backing of the tribunal with French foot-dragging, and added that most of the accused Bosnian war criminals still at liberty are living in the French-controlled sector in the belief that French troops will not arrest them. They currently feel totally safe there," Justice Arbour told Le - Monde newspaper.
The charges have provoked

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a furious response from the French Foreign Ministry. which insisted that "the allei gation is baseless".

"Without ambiguity, France wants all criminals to be handed over to the tribunal . . . It believes everything must be done towards this goal, and fully participates in efforts to achieve it, as much as other countries involved," the minis-try said in statement. The judge will be asked to justify her remarks when she meets Hubert Vedrine, the French Foreign Minister, in Paris today. in her rebuke, she said work of the tribunal by refusing to allow French officers

written testimonies. "Hence the conclusion that this is a

She sharply criticised Alain Richard, the French Defence Minister, for suggesting that the war crimes tribunal was little more than a show of justice. "That is an expression of contempt for more than 200 witnesses who have testified to this international institution. some of them with considerable courage, taking into ac-count their precarious situa-tion when they return home without protection. To suggest that they took part in a show is

contemptible and shocking." Praising Britain's more robust attitude, Justice Arbour noted that British soldiers had arrested the accused war criminal Milan Kovacevic in Prijedor last July, enabling his extradition to The Hague to face trial But she accused US troops of failing to pursue indicted war criminals with sufficient energy, but said Washington had provided fi-

nancial and political backing. Just 20 indicted war Bosnian criminals are currently in custody in the Hague, while a further 75 are still at large. The French Government flatly rejected the charge that it had shirked its duty, insisting that rules set by the alliance on the arrest of war crime suspects had been followed to the letter by French soldiers. France has been working for peace in this crisis without interruption, and the French army has paid heavily, with 70 soldiers killed and 700 wounded," the Foreign Ministry said.

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Italians mourn 'Prince' of Fiat

ome in an outpouring of ational sorrow, Italy yester-iy mourned Giovanni Alrto Agnelli. the 33-year-old ir to the Fiat empire and the sest Italian equivalent to a own Prince (Richard Owen Lies). His death on Saturof cancer drew comparis with that of Diana, ncess of Wales, and threw y's higgest private comy into a succession crisis. ignor Agnelli, a shy and yest man, was buried in camily tomb at a cemetery Turin yesterday in a nite funeral. The Agnellis pie uncrowned Kings of sw said La Repubblica. "It to not be easy to find a Agnelli to take over." Wanni "Gianni" Agnelli,

.76-year-old honorary ian of Fiat, who had Giovanni Alberto as



Agnelli: death creates Fiat succession crisis

his heir two years ago, said that his nephew — head of the Piaggio scooter branch of Fiat, makers of the Vespa had been an exceptional young man with all the qualities to rise to the top.

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Iran's youth lead drive to heal the rift with America

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN THE ELBURZ MOUNTAINS, NORTH OF TEHRAN

IN THE most forthright call told a Tehran news confer- and of being backward in its for better relations with the United States since the 1979 Islamic revolution, fran's moderate new President said yesterday that he wanted to hold a dialogue with "the great

American people".

The call by President Khatami will go down well with a majority of tranians who have long waited for a leader strong enough to shrug off the anti-Western legacy of the late Ayatollah Khomeiri.

Whether it is pop music. drinks, young Iranians are fascinated by the country they have been encouraged to hate. Winston and Marlboro are the cigarettes they prefer, while the top hotels accept payment only in American currency.

Announcing plans to make an historic address to Americans in the "not-too-distant future". President Khatami

ence: "I hope that as such dialogues, such thoughtful dialogues, increase, we shall get

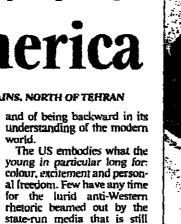
But he also accused the American political class of holding up the process towards a better relationship

Khatami: looking for

controlled by Mr Khatami's hardline opponents. In the snow-covered mountains north of Tehran, where the young come to enjoy the crisp air and to flirt, middleclass women wear baseball caps under their scarves while men sport Nikes and T-shirts emblazoned with the names of American rock groups. A world apart, in squalid southern Tehran, families who cannot understand English cluster around illegal satellite dishes to watch programmes

and the Beautiful.

like Baywatch and The Bold



Young Iranian women in colourful chadors performing a dance in Tehran at the weekend opening of the Islamic games for women

"It's sad that most Ameri-

cans swallow their Government's propaganda about Iran being the world's worst bogeyman while so few of us accept the propaganda we hear about America," said Mohsen, 52, an Iranian engineer recently returned after 16 years in California, home to a

large expatriate Iranian community. It is to the US that many young Iranians insist they would like to emigrate if hardliners succeed in blocking Mr Khatami's reforms. Their grievances are offered unsolicited in places like the mountain resorts north of Tehran, where young women come in

husbands. There are so few places we can meet men freely," said Somaya, an accountant who at 27 is worried about being left on the shelf. "Most men want to marry women who are under 25." Her friend, Parissa, 26, complains that even if they can

date, other problems remain. "Men have big financial problems if they want to marry. Most can't afford a car or the rent for a house and many don't have jobs." With 40 per cent of Iran's 60

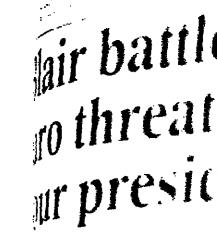
million population aged 15 or under, the Government is keenly aware it has to address the needs for housing, work and entertainment. But the old guard has struggled to tackle the problems.

Charitable religious founda-

tions frequently hand out downes to thousands to enable them to marry in mass ceremonies, and Friday prayer leaders urge parents to reduce their financial demands to enable young people to marry early, saying that sexual frustration may lead them astray. One ayatollah recently railed against the growing number of hymen-intact operations which, technically, at least, restore a woman's virginity. Another is still remembered for his tirade against masturbation. "If a young man satisfies his urge and sins, no doctor can cure him," warned

Ayatollah Mohammed Yazdi.

"It will affect his eyes, his nerves and many of his body Mr Khatami's tenure has already tostered a treer social climate. The dreaded baseej, gun-toting moral vigilantes who monitor levels of modesty, were conspicuously absent in the mountain resorts this



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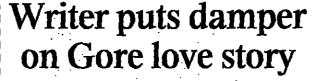
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FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A CLAIM that Al and Tipper Gore, the American Vice-President and his wife, were models for the lovers in the three-hankie film Love Story was disputed yesterday.

Erich Segal, author of the book on which the film was based, said the claims were only half true. The character of the preppy Harvard icehockey player; played by Ryan O'Neal, was modeled on both Mr Gore and his Harvard room mate, the actor

spired the athlete with a poet's character's controlling father, who pressured him to follow in his footsteps. Mr Segal told The New York Times. Mr Gore did follow his father in becoming a US senator. Ali MacGraw's character of Jenny Cavilleri, a free-spirited musician who dies at the end.

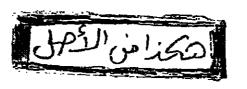
according to Mr Segal. "I knew her only as Ai's date,"

Mr. Segal said he was "befuddled" by a report in last week's Time magazine quoting Mr Gore as saying he and his wife were the inspirations for the couple in the film. which produced the oft-re-peated line. "Love means never having to say you're sorry."

Certainly no one was apologising yesterday. Mr Gore's spokeswoman said he reporter on his plane, but he Segal said Mr Gore had told him the whole thing was a

misunderstanding. After the campaign fundraising affair, the perception that under Mr Gore's wooden exterior beat the heart of a romantic hero might have stood him in good stead as he gears up for a presidential bid in 2000.





Defence chief fights rearguard action against swastikas in the barracks

he German Army is in uproar. Generals and colonels have turned on their political leadership - that is, on Volker Rube, the Defence Minister - and demanded to know why they are not being protected against what they see as a media campaign to smear the military as a nest of Nazis. The minister, in turn, is furious that commanding officers have not done more to weed out right-wing extremists, while ordinary Germans are gaping in amazement. The Bundeswehr was established in 1955 as a strictly non-political yet democratically sensitive institution. German soldiers were sup-



BY ROGER BOYES

discipline but able to register their dissent. Conscientious

Now this careful construct

cases of neo-Nazi activity. Today's Spiegel magazine reports that officer cadets made anti-Semitic comments during a visit to a former concentration camp. German soldiers in Croatia have been discovered allegedly shout-ing "Heil Hitler".

This caps many months of disclosures which were initially dismissed by the minis-ter as "individual aberrations". Off-duty soldiers recorded scenes of mock tor-ture, others drunkenly cele-brated Hitler's birthday. A neo-Nazi historian, Manfred Roeder, having served eight years in jail for helping to set refugee centres on fire, was

becoming a political football. Each day brings word of new the staff academy. Army surplus vehicles were made available for his pet project. the re-Germanisation of east-The anger of the command-

ers was vented last week at a meeting of 130 generals and colonels in Cologne. They protested against Herr Ruhe's ousting of the divisional commander in Leipzig, Major-General Michael von

t was a routine posting, says the ministry. His know better: the general's removal almost certainly marks the beginning of a purge. Their anger is mis-

placed. According to the Bundeswehr doctrine of "inner leadership", the generals should have put their own house in order. Now the army's reputation is so badly damaged that Herr Rühe will have to go well beyond the promised parliamentary investigation. He will have to unleash sociologists to examsuccesses have turned out to ine how deeply extreme right be his greatest weaknesses. ideas have penetrated the He merged a Warsaw Pact army, the East German, with barrack rooms. The minister may have to the Bundeswehr in a master introduce some form of polit-

ical screening to prevent neo-Nazi sympathisers entering the army in the first place. But the merger with the East threw many soldiers out of work — numbers fell from that would be a constitutionally dubious step but might, in the end, be the only 600,000 to 340,000 in a few measure to keep the army

fence ministers are usually shot down - Helmut Schmidt, the former Chancellor, is the only one to have flourished — and it is the most vulnerable of Cabinet portfolios. Yet, until now, Herr Rühe seemed to be doing well. But his greatest

stroke of unification. And he coaxed the public to accept the idea of sending German combat troops abroad.

years - and has made the the Eurofighter or the elite army seem an uncertain crisis reaction force.

e then created an elite force within the army, breaking with the postwar tradition. Special units have to be pampered resources, and they have to be given back traditions, models of German soldiers who have

successfully fought abroad.

That spells the end of the citizen in uniform. Conscripts have become second-class citizens within the army. On tank manoeuvres they shout "Bang!" through megaphones to save ammunition. The money has either been

The army does not just

need to be re-educated: it has to work out a new social purpose that goes beyond postwar democratisation. The problem started when Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, said Germans should be allowed to honour their war dead - that there was suffering and heroism on the German side, too. For four decades Germans were educated to believe they had a 'good" and a "bad" history. Now the distinction is fuzzy: it is left to commanders to interpret history as they wish. with no social limits defined. That is why swastikas are appearing in barrack rooms.

Blair battle over euro threatens to sour presidency

BRITAIN'S turn at the European Union presidency is heading for a bumpy start next month after an ill-tempered summit in Luxembourg at which Tony Blair picked what was widely deemed a futile fight with France over the euro and irritated Germany and other core states.

The sour aftermath of Mr Blair's day-long battle for a seat at the inner council on the single currency clouded the main business of the year-end summit, which ended on Saturday night with a decision to push the EU's frontiers eastwards to take in Cyprus and ten states from the former communist bloc. Under the firm guidance of Helmut the German Chancellor. the EU put aside differences and agreed to two tiers of candidate states. This cleared the way for Britain to start entry negotiations next spring with the first six - Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia and Cyprus.

However, Britain was handed a diplomatic headache over Turkey, which was rejected despite a 34-year-old applica- as well as France, were scath-

tion. A climbdown by Greece enabled the leaders to call Ankara to a grand Europe conference in London in March, an effective consolation prize. But, angered by the EU's conditions for Turkish reforms. Mesut Yilmaz, the Prime Minister, yesterday dismissed the invitation, saying "it has no importance for us".

Mr Blair depicted his fight for a seat at the future "Euro-X" council as an example of the new clout that his Government enjoys as an enthusiastic EU member. However, the Prime Minister was held to have won at best a pyrrhic victory in the bout for inclusion in Euro-X. He claimed a triumph because the 11 likely members had agreed to discuss economic matters of common interest among all 15 EU members, including the "outs" - Britain, Greece, Denmark and Sweden. But the "ins" made clear that they could discuss whatever they liked in their informal circle provided they later opened the issue to

full debate. Senior officials from Ger-

ing over what they saw as a British performance that smacked of John Major's outings in last year's beef war. Mr Blair was faulted for wasting time over an issue that he could not win. The Germans and the Dutch, who had long opposed France's campaign to invest the euro council with real power, were annoyed that Britain had played into French hands by inflating the importance of the

Luxembourg underlined another problem for the British presidency — the poor performance of the Government's image-managers when it comes to other EU states. At Luxembourg and other Eurogatherings since the Government took power, the Prime Minister's team have alienated foreign journalists with a spin-doctor style that varies between aggressive and contemptuous. Many EU journalists are wondering whether the Government's briefers will manage to shift to the required neutrality when presenting the work of the presidency.



President Yeltsin yesterday Yeltsin 'still at the Barvikha government health resort outside Mosin control' cow, where he is recuperating from a respiratory infection (Robin Lodge writes). The hoarse-voiced

Russian leader complained

working for about four hours a day, was well inweak, but said that he was admitted on Wednesday, ex-myrdin, the Prime Minister.

pected he would take about ten days to recover. "The doctors say it is a normal virus. It's the one going round Moscow. I am a Muscovite so I caught it." Meanwhile, most day to day running of Russia has been

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Irate Egypt pushes for extradition of 'massacre exiles'

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN CAIRO

BRITAIN and Egypt held toplevel talks yesterday on the interrorism after the Luxor massacre and Egyptian accusa-tions that Britain harbours exiles who masterminded the

attack. David Blatherwick, the British Ambassador to Egypt, yesterday called on Amr Moussa, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, to brief him on security co-operation and on proposed changes in the law to limit the ability of exiles in Britain to raise money and plan terrorist operations

In an interview after the meeting, Mr Moussa called on Britain to stop the flow of money from Islamic radicals in London to terrorist groups in Egypt, and to ban preachers in British mosques calling for the assassination of foreign leaders. Egypt has blamed the Luxor massacre on terrorists funded and encouraged from abroad, and identified Britain as the main centre for radicals plotting assassinations.

Official spokesmen said Britain and some European countries were deliberately ig-noring international pledges to stamp out terrorism, signed by John Major, President Clinton and world leaders at Sharm el Sheikh in Sinai after

nations at last week's Tehran summit of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, including Iran, were aghast at the harm that terrorist action in the name of Islam was doing to their religion.

Europeans did not need any advice on terrorism or special pleading from Cairo, he told The Times in an interview. The West saw in the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York the danger of harbouring terrorist exiles. He was outraged by reports that £2.5 million had come from exiles in Britain to the outlawed Gamaa al-Islamiya --linked to the Luxor massacre.

Last week Egypt posted on the Internet the names of 14 terrorists it wants to arrest and denounced the presence in Britain of three of them. It has been rebuffed in attempts to have them extradited, and yesterday Cairo's top spokesman accused Britain of hypocrisy in harbouring instigators of the Luxor killings while making vigorous efforts to extradite from Libya the two men it wants to try for the Lockerbie bombing.

Egypt is still outraged and frustrated by the Luxor massacre, which dealt a devastating blow to its £2 billion tourist industry. Hotels and shops in the ancient city report Mr Moussa said all 55 and many people face ruin.

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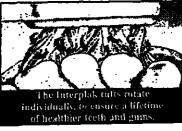
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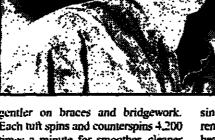
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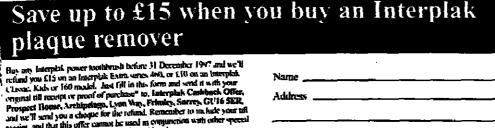
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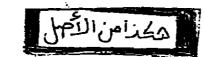
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Market turmoil blights start of Asian summit

ASIA'S financial turmoil hung over the start of the largestever regional summit of South-East and East Asian leaders yesterday, amid warnings that there was no quick fix for the currency

In addition to leaders from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean). the gathering included Japan. China and South Korea, with some leaders voicing the view that, if Chinese markets were affected by the turmoil in Asian financial markets, the region's problems would have world repercussions.
The Malaysian Prime Min-

ister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is hosting the gathering, confessed that he was scared to say anything in case the currency markets slid further. This is because unguarded statements by the Malaysian leader have been blamed by international investors for sparking panic on world markets.

Aware of this accusation. Dr Mahathir, 71, had clearly toned down his rhetoric at a weekend news conference. He had earlier blamed a possible Jewish "agenda" behind the financial crisis afflicting East Asia's so-called tiger economies. At the weekend, he limited himself to saying: "I feel like a man who is stretched a bit more every time



its support to a leading candidate to become the South's next President after the December 19 election, according to an American clergyman who recently visited the beleaguered Communist state (Jennifer Veale writes).

The disclosure by the Rev Kim Young Hoon, an Ameri-Kim Dae-lung, 74. an opposition candidate and former dissident who has suffered for

A chastened Mahathir has toned down his rhetoric, writes James Pringle

he does not answer properly. He declined to express his views on who or what lies behind the region's market

Dr Mahathir asked: "Dare I say anything against the West-ern world? When I did in the past, it was a painful experience for me."

He has been in office for 16



Mahathir. smiling in

talling more than \$100 billion (£61.7 billion) for ailing Asian economies had not settled the Malaysia's Foreign Minister, Abdullah Badawi, was decades from "Red-baiting" by political opponents. It comes as fears grow that South asked what would happen if Korea will be forced to default the financial contagion sweepon nearly \$20 billion (E12 biling East Asia spreads to China, which has until now lion) in external debt despite a

been largely immune. "If China gets a problem, then it will \$57 billion rescue loan package from the International Monetry Fund. be very big," he said. "Not just The clergyman held a press these countries in the neighconference in Tokyo at the bourhood, but countries weekend claiming that Kim across the globe would be Pyong Sik, the North's Vice-President, had donated money to Kim Dae Jung's campaign.

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years and some say he should step aside in favour of the

Deputy Prime Minister.

Anwar Ibrahim, who is also

Finance Minister. In a recent

interview. Mr Anwar was

much more moderate than his

leader, saying: "We shouldn't

be wasting our time pointing

fingers. Malaysians need to

have resolve and to overcome this crisis instead of blaming

On Saturday, Dr Mahathir

proposed that the Asean coun-

tries, including the private

sector, should buy cheaper

goods from each other instead

of importing from countries

whose currencies had appreci-

ated. Increased trade would

help the economies to recover

The important gathering

comes amid fears for the health of President Suharto of

Indonesia, although the country's Foreign Minister, Ali Alatas, said here yesterday that the President's health was

improving. President Jiang Zemin of

China was among the leaders

who arrived yesterday for a

summit banquet along with the Japanese Prime Minister,

Ryutaro Hashimoto, and his

South Korean counterpart,

In talks last night, Dr Mahathir and President Jiang

agreed that International

Monetary Fund packages to-

faster, he said.



Joe Fontaine, of the Montana Wolf Recovery Project, taking a cub to Yellowstone

Ranchers backed on round-up of 'green' Yellowstone wolves

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE environmentalists were all smiles three years ago when grey wolves were restored to Yellowstone National Park, but now a judge has ruled that the packs must be rounded up.

The unforeseen decision was a stunning rebuke to Bruce Babbitt, President Clinton's Secretary of the Interior. and a rare setback for the advocates of protecting endangered species. It was a victory for ranchers in the Rockies, who argued that the had attacked more than 200 sheep, cattle and dogs. Wolves once thrived in the

Rockies but were hunted to extinction earlier this century. For years wildlife officials planned to reintroduce them and Mr Babbitt finally gave the go-ahead in 1994 at a cost of \$5 million (£3 million).

By then, however, a hundred wolves had migrated from Canada into America and were spreading south. Judge William Downes ruled on a lawsuit brought on behalf of the ranchers by the American Farm Bureau Federation. He found that under the Endangered Species Act experimental population of wolves may be placed in areas only where they do not

occur naturally. The judge has agreed to delay his order pending as appeal by the Government, but both sides continued to argue the merits of the case.

William Pendley, represe ing the ranchers, said Mr Babbitt had known the pro gramme was illegal but had yielded to his "obsequious obsession" to do the bidding of environmentalists.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a regional environmental group, protested that removing the wolf packs would terminate what had become a biological, ecological and economic success.

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Mexico hit by El Niño snow

Miami: Northern Mexico became the latest region to suffer from El Niño, the weather phenomenon, as snowstorms and bitter cold killed 12 people and blocked roads and ports at the weekend (David Adams writes). In the normally tropical state of Guadalajara, it snowed for the first time since 1881. Conditions were particularly severe in areas bordering the United States. Three elderly men and a six-month-old haby were among the dead in Coahuila and Chihuahua states.

Buenes Aires: A storm brought flooding to central Argentina at the weekend, killing at least two people and forcing the evacuation of more than 1,000. (AFP)

Israelis arrest bishop

Jerusalem: Israeli-Christian relations have been severely strained by the arrest of Samir Kafity, Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, for allegedly trying to cross the border from Jordan with "a crudely forged entry permit" (Christopher Christopher C Walker writes). The arrest came only days after Ehud Olmert, Jerusalem's right-wing Mayor, launched a crack-down to ensure Christian institutions in the city paid full local taxes. Some Christians in east Jerusalem claimed the arrest was another harassment of senior Christians.

26,000 flee buried bomb

Ludwigshafen: More than 1,000 police officers, firefighters and volunteers cleared 26,000 people from this town on the Rhine in Germany's biggest evacuation caused by a leftover Second World War bomb. Munitions experts defused the 2.2 ton British aerial bomb, buried in a field, in a 1½-hour operation. Germany found out about the bomb through recently declassified US reconnaissance pictures. (AP)

War hit half of households

Hanoi: At least one person was killed from 50 per cent of the households in the central provinces of Vietnam during wars against the French and Americans, according to a government survey being made 22 years after the fall of Saigon and the end of decades of conflict. Most estimates say more than three million Vietnamese died in the wars. (AP)

Pressure to free prisoner

Hong Kong: The pressure is building on Beijing to release Wang Dan, 28, right. China's most famous political prisoner, in exchange for a new-year visit from President Clinton (Jonathan Mirsky writes). Mr Wang's mother, Wang Ling-yun, visited her son at the weekend and said his respiratory and stomach problems have worsened because of extreme cold at Jinzhou jail in Liaoning province, where tem-peratures are as low as -10C (16F).



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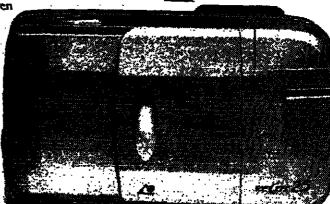
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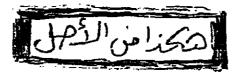
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he aboriginal popula-tions of the Earth are sometimes idealised as the first environmentalists, living in cheerful harmony with nature. Yet recent studies of the colonisation of North America have shown that the Indians killed even more wild creatures than the cowboys who later drove the bison to extinction.

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Now research in Australia suggest that the dry Outback is the result of systematic burning of vegetation by Aborigines 50,000 years ago. From about 150,000 years ago

until about 40,000 years ago, says Dr Gifford Miller, of the University of Colorado, the northern part of Australia was drenched by summer monsoons. But by 10,000 years ago, at the beginning of the Holocene period when the

African and Indian monsoons began to intensify, the Australian one did not do so. "Since the Earth was experiencing marked increases in monsoonal activity in the early Holocene, something regional must have modulated the Australian monsoon," he told the autumn meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco last

The only mechanism powerful enough to alter the monsoon is vegetation, he says. Archaeological evidence shows that the first human beings reached Australia from South-East Asia about 50,000 years ago.

"Consistent burning by these people during dry periods may have altered the basic ecosystem, preventing the normal recovery of vegetation during the subsequent wet phase," he says.

The difference is enormous. Although the city of Darwin on the northern coast gets 80in of rain during the monsson, the interior gets less than 12in a year.

Soil in Australia is too alkaline to preserve fossil vegetation and pollen, which could

photographs taken by satellite-borne cam-

eras provide evidence for the comets

existence, but Dr George Parks of the

University of Washington asserts that they are not ice, but snow — the kind that afflicts a

when tested in the laboratory as they do in

is no evidence of comets hitting Earth," he

says. If they were genuine, he adds, they would appear on images taken by the polar satellite as dumbbell shapes, because the satellite is wobbling slightly as it turns. But

Further evidence against them comes from

the lack of new graters on the Moon, which

would be being hit 400,000 times a year if the

comets were real. Dr Louis Frank of the

University of lowa, the comets' champion,

remains unconvinced. "These are a new class

These are instrument artefacts and there

television set when succession is

they do not -

of objects," he insists.

THE IDEA that Earth is constantly bombarded by icy

snowballs raining in at a rate

of up to 30 a minute has come

under strong criticism in the

latest issue of Geophysical

Research Letters. Dots on

Plenty of snow,

but no ice

confirm the hypothesis, so Dr Miller and his colleagues have turned to computer simulations. These suggest that a "vegetated Australia would have enjoyed an extra three inches of rain a month in the interior during the

> This suggests that during peak periods of the Australian monsoon the penetration of moisture is highly sensitive to vegetation type, and that failure of the summer monsoon may be a direct consequence of human activity," he says. Another thread of evidence

backs the idea of abrupt climate change. Dr Beverley Johnson, working at the Australian National University in Canberra, has found that fossil eggshells of flightless birds can be dated accurately by the slow process of change, called racemisation, in the chemicals they contain. From a collection of fossil eggshells collected from an arid region in South Australia, she has been able to identify the diets of the birds.

The carbon isotopes found in fossil eggshells from a species called Genyornis and from emus show that the lush grasses that dominated from 70,000 to 45,000 years ago were being replaced by a more arid type of vegetation by 35,000 years ago, as the monsoon waned. This does not show that man was responsible, but Dr Miller finds it hard to think of a more plausībie explanation.

Vegetation, he pointed out, has strong links to climate. In the Amazon rainforest, for example, fully half of the all the rain that falls is recycled during the wet season through the usual methods of plant transpiration and evaporation. The study is fresh evidence, if any were needed, of the potentially disastrous effects of forest clearance in the

could put off until tomorrow?

Because, a study reveals,

procrastination is bad for

Two psychologists, Dr Dianne Tice and Roy

Why delay is bad

your health.

Baumeister, claim to have broken new

ground by carrying out the study, the first of

its kind. Other psychologists have evidently

never got around to it. In Psychological

Science they report that they asked 44 students on a health psychology course to fill out daily symptom checklists and weekly

measures of stress, together with their work

Students who admitted to procrastinating

handed in their work later (no surprise

there), but also got lower grades. A second

nators felt lower stress early in the term and

fewer symptoms of ill-health, but that as the

term progressed, stress increased and they

nators end up suffering more and perform-

ing worse than other people," the

psychologists conclude.

Procrastination, like drug abuse is marked by impulsiveness and poor self-

suffered more from colds and flu. "Procrasti

study, of 60 students, showed that procrasti-

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When friends swap gifts, there is an unwritten expectation that the gifts will be of roughly the same value, showing that their status is equal

The ritual of giving

ou probably think you have your Christout - a shirt for your brother, perfume for your mother, furry slippers for your father and silk underwear for your spouse. However, sociologists caution that gifts are a symbol of your relationship -can the essence of your marpair of boxer shorts or lacy

lingerie?
The giving of gifts has been practised in every civilisation ever studied, and a number of experts have turned their attention to it. It is a basic human ritual that has a place in every culture and religion. Gifts are given to mark important occasions throughout life, such as birth, confirmation,

marriage and retirement. The presents are often very specific. Eastern cultures favour the giving of sweets to celebrate achievement; watches make ideal retirement presents, because they sym-

holise the passage of time. Even wakes provide an opportunity to display generosity guests often bring food, because it is 'A gift could deemed inapproengender priate for the be-

reaved to cook. solidarity Sociologists view gifts as a marker of and sustain the social relation-ship between giver and recipient. the bonds "Gifts can create or of society' reaffirm a relation-

ship," Richard Harvey Brown. Professor of Sociology at are rushing to acquit yourself Maryland University, says. of any obligation. It can al-Maryland University, says.
"They also create obligation because there is an expectation that the generosity will be reciprocated."

But it doesn't take an expert to point out a few universal truths about exchanging presents. For example, when

The giving of Christmas presents says a lot more about the relationship between giver and recipient than people think. Anjana Ahuja reports are favourite tokens between

something special about

fessor Schmidt says, they are

free from the commercial ele-

ment and have a "purity"

obvious. If you learn some-

thing new about the person

that you are buying for - that

they enjoy fine wines, for

example - buy a wine guide

or a bottle opener. "It shows

you have a sensitivity to an aspect of their personality that

isn't obvious, so it becomes a

gift of intimacy." Professor

Likewise, try not to shower

with kitchen

Don't always go for the

about them.

Brown says.

friends swap gifts, there is an lovers because they have a as a housewife. Luxurious sensual element. There is skin-care items might be more unwritten expectation that the gifts will be of roughly the same value, showing that their status is equal. But they should not be of identical value because, Professor Brown says, it would look "too calculated". We all know that feeling of embarrassment when we realise that we have

left the price tags on. This equal-value rule of thumb does not apply in hierarchical relationships. If you and your boss were exchanging presents," Professor Brown says, "your boss would be expected to give a larger present rather than the other way round. In return, they expect deference and hard

your wife "If they are socially compe applicances, which sends out tent, your bosses can do this without making it look like that. There is a

calculated ignorance, or a believed pretence, that goes along with that type of gift-giving."

giving gifts is as important as what you give, he adds.
"If I give you a box of chocolates one day, and you give me a bouquet of flowers immediately afterwards, you

most be insulting because it shows that you are rejecting any dependence on our relationship." Likewise, it is seen as rude to give presents late. Rarely would newlyweds be sent a wedding present more than six months after the

happy day. These seemingly petty attitudes run very deep because they have been ingrained in human beings for thousands of years. Anthropologists believe that gifts originated as a way to conduct trade among primitive societies. In parts of Africa, brides could be exchanged for cattle. This was regarded as better than a commercial transaction because a gift signified a continuing relationship. "It could engender solidarity and sustain the bonds of society," Professor Brown says.

n modern economies, the use of money removes the need for gifts. But that, says Leigh Schmidt, Professor of Religion at Princeton University, has made presents even more crucial to human relationships. Professor Schmidt says: "In market economies, people are very concerned about protecting their relationships, and gifts become even more mportant."

The real question that sociologists could help with is this - what to buy for those we love? Flowers and chocolates

put them in a card, but they never seem to look right." Although the commercialisation of Christmas has tempted some people to shun signals that you perceive her

as a housewife. Luxurious

appreciated. In-laws are ac-

because they are "invented relations" and their status in

families can swing between

extremes. They can be the sort

of people one sees only on

Boxing Day, or they might be

regarded as a second set of

parents. Gifts should reflect

issue, because they reveal

exactly how much the gift is

worth. "It's very hard to make

vouchers look like good gifts."

sighs Professor Schmidt. "You

ven though they

vouchers are a tricky

seem an eminently sensible option, gift

this appropriately.

all things festive, they may be compromising their friendships. Both Professor Brown and Professor Schmidt agree that although gift-giving is not And both agree that women are better at choosing gifts. simply because they tend to be more socially intelligent. Professor Schmidt says he

was a Christmas cynic until he studied the sociological meaning of gifts. "I used to think the exchange of presents was a hollow, trumped-up ritual imposed by business until I started working on it. Then I realised how important it was to people, and how much time and effort was spent on presents. Now I try to allow myself plenty of time, otherwise I tend to get desperate and ignore my own advice."

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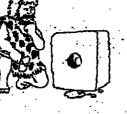
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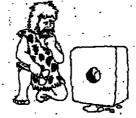
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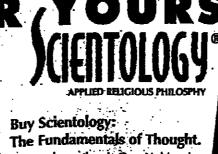




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A supermodel at the sixth-form ball

t's the essence of schoolboy fantasy — a supermodel at the sixth-form ball. Yet few of the boys at Wells Cathedral School will bat an eyelid when Olivia Inge, legs up to her armpits, bit in high heels, makes her entrance at their end-of-year bash. They are used to the sight of Miss Inge, 17, striding across the quads. So she'll be wearing an Alberta Ferretti dress, bought with the proceeds of her

modelling work. So what?

She's not quite a supermodel yet, of course, but her agents at Models I have big plans for her — once she has completed her A levels in English, theatre studies and French. The agency discovered Olivia during a careers day at Wells. She had, in fact, been talent-spotted just a month earlier by the Metropolitan Agency in Paris while visiting her aunt. The agency wanted her to give up school and offered her a flat, clothes allowance and potential earnings of £10,000 a day. She turned them down — partly on the advice of her cousin, the supermodel Cecilia Chancellor.

"Cecilia told me not to leave school," says Olivia. "She left at 16 and said it really wasn't worth it. She pointed out

She's got the pout and the pedigree to become a supermodel — but Olivia Inge has yet to finish school. Style Editor Grace Bradberry reports

that if I didn't make it, I'd be left with

nothing."

For the moment, Olivia models only at weekends and during the holidays. It's hard work combining the two. She arrives at our shoot at 9am on a Saturday, scancely having drawn breath after a week at school and a 21st birthday party in London the night before. But she is obviously one of those girls who really loves clothes, and picks through the beaded dresses and evening shoes, pulling out a particularly lovely pair of Jimmy Choo stilettos.

She cannot wait to devote herself to

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She cannot wait to devote herself to modelling full-time, "At the moment I turn up at castings red in the face from running up the stairs at the last minute. All the other girls will be sitting around, just back from a shoot in Barbados or wherever, looking really cool. It's hard to compete."

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But Olivia has things going for her that those girls don't. In a world where

pedigree counts, hers is impressive. Another of her cousins, albeit a distant one, is Stella Tennant. She is also the great-great-great-granddaughter of William Gladstone, the Victorian Prime Minister, and great-granddaughter of William Inge, the scholar, diarist and this century's most famous Dean of St Paul's Cathedral.

linge would have made of the "spiritual" pretensions of the modelling world. Olivia was baffled when she arrived at a Japanese designer's show to find that she was expected to chant. "They had a kind of priest who got everyone saying the same thing over and over. I think it was 'God bless the designer' in Japanese. I sneaked out with a friend, but when we came back we were told it was compulsory." Some designers even insist that models arrive early for

pre show meditation. None of this has put Olivia off (and who indeed would let a bit of chanting deter them from a profession that can reap lottery-sized financial rewards?). She spent her October half-term in Paris and appeared in the Comme des Garçons show, and Yves Saint Laurent's salonstyle showings. She also appeared in Vivienne Westwood's Red Label show last February, which marked the designer's return to London.

Olivia admits that her mind often

Olivia admits that her mind often wanders to the glamorous world of the catwalk while she is sitting in the classroom taking down the evening's homework.

"I haven't filled out the Ucca form. I'm taking a year out, and if things go well, I'll carry on, It's great fun, I love it — but the hours are a bit long particularly on castings. I'll get home after ten appointments and there will be a call from the agency saying 'Can you just quickly go and see this person?'. It's exhausting."

And here are bittinged "Laburays said I

And her ambitions? "I always said I wanted to do the Pantene advert. Now I'm not so sure. I'd love to be someone's muse. I think every model wants that because you get lots of money."



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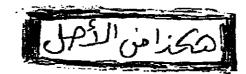
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Above right: Fuchsia column dress with jet beading, £1,060 by Hussein Chelayan at Liberty, Regent Street W1. Tet: 0171-734 1234; jet beaded ring, £36, by Erickson Regmon

Left: Olive embroidered and sequined dress, £349, by Joseph, 77 Futhern Road SW3. Tel: 0171-590 6200; pearl fiara, from £50, by Noel at Joanna's Tent, £89b King's Road SW3. Tel: 0171-352 1151; gummetal snakeskin heels, £185, by Gina, 189 Sloane Street SW1 Tel: 0171-235 2932; feathered bag, £180, at £rickson Bearnon

Photographer: JAMES GERWAT Stylist: Deborah Brett Hair: Raphael Salley at Michaeljohn Management Make-up: Helen Bannon Model: Olivia Inge





Death of the Tory wife

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The tweed-clad stalwart of the constituencies has gone. Moira Petty hails the arrival of the chic, independent, career-minded Conservative spouse

MP's wife, stalwart of the shires, is no more. The Tory wife as we know her is dead,

At least part of the problem in an increasing number of Tory marriage breakdowns hes with a working wife who found the demands of a constituency a strain too far. And it has not escaped anyone's attention that when Flion Jenkins marries William Hague on Friday she will be nobody's

Indeed, the vehemence with which she invists she will pursue her ambitions as an arts sponsorship executive strikes deep chords within the party's working wives. As one put it: "She would never dream of being a professional wife. She's worried her association with him could damage her career prospects.

Ms Jenkins is typical of the new generation of Tory wives. who are not merely high achievers in their own right but are often more highpowered than their husbands. In their carefully styled designer wardrobes they have outlawed the tweed and florals of their predecessors and invested in panache and sex appeal. If they are not adept at skewering pineapple chunks on cocktail sticks, are loath to declare countless fêtes open and fail to hang on their husband's every word, then that is the way they have contrived their role.

A lot of what is expected of us is dreary," says a Tory wife intent on pursuing her own career. "I often wonder how many more wine and cheese parties I can endure but this is what the Empire was made of. the corridors of power. The

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The old-style Tory I smile, draw the raffle, but I new wives often base themwant to kick and scream. Helping in the constituency at the weekend is the political equivalent of lying back and thinking of England."

Anne Jenkin, the 42-year-old wife and secretary of Bernard Jenkin, MP for Essex North, confirms that many Tory wives are rejecting the demands traditionally made by the party and constituency.

Many wives put their foot down, she says. A lot of high-flying career wives say I'm married to you, not to your

job'. The local association has

to put up with that. Some

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working wives will do the association dinner, AGM and and that's it." and draw

Central to the ethos of the new Tory wife is her refusal to compromise her independence and her to kick and career in favour of the political interests of her husband. Andrew Lansley, MP for

Cambridgeshire South, re-cently announced that he had separated from his wife, a GP in Ascot, Berkshire, and mother of three young daughters. She had refused to move the 60 miles to his constituency. "It wasn't working. I kept being asked in the constituency Where's your wife?," he said at the time.

For other Tory wives the problem emerges when they are expected to spend weekdays baking cakes and raising funds in the constituency while their husbands stride

> Among the new order of Tory wives are doctors, lawvers, bankers, communications and media experts. artists, film-makers and writers. It is little wonder that they find the prospect of licking envelopes less than thrilling. Some deliberately put a distance between their profes-sional life and that of their husband by keeping their maiden names. The ticket application for next Februy's Tory Party Winter Ball asks spouses how they like to be known and one observer tells how Alicia Collinson. a barrister married to Damian Green, MP for Ashford, Kent.

Ffion Jenkins and William Hague: she is nobody's accessory

selves in London, both to nurture their careers and to keep tabs on their husbands in the highly charged atmosphere of Westminster.

"I'm not leaving Ber and alone," says Anne Jenkin. "I've just read in a newspape: that, according to a poll, he . the 15th best-looking MP in the Commons. Power is attractive. and I know the dangers of not being with your husband.

Being in London during the week is how we survive as a family and this will suit the working wife. We all know of MPs whose wives stayed in the

constituency while they lived in London and got up to no good.

Mrs Jenkin faces the additional pressure of having children. So does Claire Ainsworth, 39, an investment banker and the wife of Peter Ainsworth, MP for Surrey East. "I'm constantly trying to

juggle my work. my family and constituency demands," she says. "I don't have time to be a constant hostess to groups within the constituency, nor can I claim to have thrown a string of Christmas parties. Mrs Ainsworth, a director at

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, had an established career before her husband became an MP six years ago. She thinks constituencies are now more realistic in their expectations of MPs' wives.

"I've always worked. When my husband went before the selection committee they were aware that I had a career. As far as I'm concerned, the oldfashioned view of a Tory MPs wife is irrelevant."

crossed out the Hon Mrs Damian Green and wrote Miss Alicia Collinson.

ironically, the role model for these women is not one of their own but Cherie Booth. ("I wonder how much work she does in the constituency?" asks one Tory wife tartly.) As MPs'



wives rather than MPs, they are prepared to support their husband's career but not at the expense of their own.

Nothing better exemplifies the old and the new wives than two Westminster-based women's associations, the Parliamentary Wives Group and the Boat Club. The former has seen a decline in support because many of its activities - including trips to museums and stately homes - are held during the day.

Boat Club members meet every six weeks and swap tips on managing careers, children and the constituency - including how necessary it is to attend the AGM. Anne Jenkin is a member. They're a powerful, punchy group of women and not the kind to be subservient to men," she says. "I'm so encouraged to see such highquality women."

he Boat Club was set up by Nicky Ottaway, a founding director of ECM, an advertising and communications company, and the wife of Richard Ottaway, MP for Croydon South. She was aware of his political ambitions when they met in 1980 and unperturbed when he won his first seat three years later. International travel often keeps her away from Croydon but she does not think that her inability to attend every constituency function makes her unusual.

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"I'm in more of a support role to Richard than in the front line. My impression is that the wives of Tory MPs are a different breed these days. The average age is much lower. We talk about the stresses of our dual lives. It's good to be able to have a moan and a bitch about things with those who understand."

Another wife points out that financial pressure as well as self-fulfilment is at the heart of many wives' decision to work. MPs earn £43,000 a year; my husband took a 50 per cent pay cut to enter Parliament. Our husbands could earn much more so we work out of necessity."

The new Tory wife's greatest asset is an emancipated husband. Richard Ottaway is full of admiration for his wife."I'm glad my wife has an occupation so she's not waiting around for me to come home from the House late at night." he says. "The Tory party is changing and does recognise that the wife will probably have a career. That has to be a consideration nowadays,"



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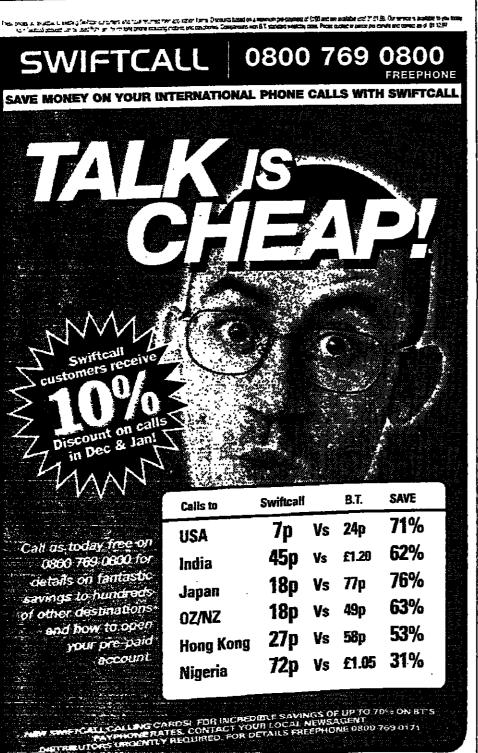
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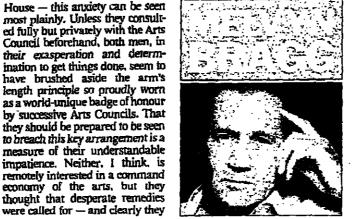
across the skills spectrum — from dancing and acting to design and lighting - many of whom have themselves, through low wages. subsidised the performing arts There is plenty to boast about in

the glossy brochures, and I have only scratched the surface - what about the excellent outreach work by the Halle, the revivals in Belfast and Bristol, the stronger regional boards? - but glossy brochures often gloss over a less breezy reality which may hold more of the truth. As here,

There is a widespread and informed view that the channelling of public money from taxpayer through government to the arts needs a radical overhaul. In actions taken recently by two knowledgeable and concerned men -Smith and Gerald Kaufman, over the future of the Royal Opera

House — this anxiety can be seen most plainly. Unless they consulted fully but privately with the Arts Council beforehand, both men, in their exasperation and determination to get things done, seem to have brushed aside the arm's length principle so proudly worn as a world-unique badge of honour by successive Arts Councils. That they should be prepared to be seen to breach this key arrangement is a measure of their understandable impatience. Neither, I think, is remotely interested in a command economy of the arts, but they

And if the frustration of two men in a position to take political action felt across Britain by those who see ancient accretions of vested interest and longtime surrender to



real possibility of dynamic change and sensible adaptation of the

Smith must be fed up with

he goes. But, unless he is wellenough supported - and soon those very qualities could become something of a handicap.

B ecause of Labour's long track record — the postwar digging in of the A. digging in of the Arts Council, the brilliantly effective determination of Jennie Lee in the 1960s expectation was always going to be high. In opposition - especially at the turn of the 1990s - promises were often made which were wonderful to hear, although inevitably the realities of being in government proved some of them to be rash. But they were made, and their echoes have not gone away. Smith, although he is a fully signed-up new Labour realist, clearly wants to sort out the arts environment. This very intention has the consequence of yet again

raising expectations which feel more cruelly dashed when delivery is delayed.

The trouble is the slag heaps.

Despite the artistic successes over the years, arts funding in the UK has grown into a lumpy mass. Radical work is necessary and that takes time, thought and energy. Time is running out for many theatres, dance groups and orches-tras. New thought comes neither swiftly nor easily, especially when it needs to think the unthinkable. And energy, as everyone knows in the arts, is largely consumed in the

fight to keep going, to keep open.
There are clearly areas which cry out for connections to be made and where costs would be minimal the new research done for libraries, for instance, and particularly their application in schools. Add a rearrangement of funding which would enable more small

touring groups to work where their presence is so vastly appreci-ated, and this could be the beginning of a ground network which would be of incalculable value to children today and to audiences and practitioners tomorrow.

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Similar connections could be made between libraries and the university of industry, and most of all between the publicly subsidised arts and broadcasting, especially publicly subsidised broadcasting. This area is lamentably underdeveloped.

One further problem is that there are so many current alarms which must distract from the concentration required to change the longterm structure of arts funding. Another is that, as we know, entrenched interests in this country are very hard to shift. On the other hand, as we also know, they can be shifted - and spectacularly, as they were in the middle of the year. It is time that the cannons which went off then began to find some of their targets

A chirp

off the

old block

companied by the BBC Concert Orchestra and the LPO choir (on variable form), she enlisted a little family help. The evening was shared with her daughter, Montserrat Marti, with their numbers most scrupulously divided. In the first half, Marti, a tall

and poised soprano, sang two arias her mother surely taught

her. Juliet's O quante volte

from Bellini's Caputett hardly

suited the dusky and very

Spanish timbre in the voice.

But Charpentier's Louise went

much better with Depuis le

jour, one small slip apart. Maternal advice must have

prompted O mio babbino

caro, and Marti excelled in

this at the end, suggesting that

the more fragile Puccini hero-

ines should be well within her

grasp.
Caballe herself delivered

early Rossini (Ciro: in Babilonia) and Salome, not

Strauss's but from Massenet's Herodiade. She let the notes of

the princess's first ecstatic

gimpse of John the Baptist

float out into the hall, cautious

not to put too much pressure

on a voice lacking some of the resources it once had. But when the end of the aria was in

sight Caballé let rip. The two

generations then joined for the

The second half jettisoned

opera for Christmas baubles.

Adeste fideles, în a noisy

arrangement by the evening's

was not a good idea. Caballé

now prefers to sing at a matronly tempo, which she did in Mary's Boy Child. The

family reassembled with a

Christmas medley, bizarrely arranged by Montserrar's brother Carlos, with the Café

Momus music from Bohême suddenly sliding into the Hal-

A bit of the old Caballe

finally showed through when

she stopped the conductor at

lelujah Chorus.

pliant conductor, José Coliad

Flower Duet from Lakme.

ontserrat Caballé can still fill the Festi-val Hall. But for her

OPERA: A cheerful Welsh staging for Monteverdi's comedy in Cardiff. Plus, in London, a tale of two Montserrats

Eurotrash laughs pack a lethal punch

cows come home about whether words or music (or decor, or direction) are more important in opera, but as last Thursday's performance of Monteverdi's comedy suggested, the most vital element of all is the audience. David Alden's production, shared with the Bavarian State Opera, opened last summer in Munich, where a rather solemn festival audience took some time to switch on to what was happening: the patrons at Cardiff's New Theatre got it within minutes, responded uproariously, and stayed for nearly four hours - Welsh National Opera uncompromisingly perform a very full text - to cheer and cheer at the curtain calls. It was a joyful occasion, a composer communicating directly with his audience over a span of three centuries.

Yes, Alden's Eurotrash concept is on the broad side, but if you play Poppea "seriously" its cynicism becomes simply unbearable: as an Ortonesque black comedy, with sex on coffins and mad axe murderers on the rampage, it makes its point all the more lethally — through laughter. But Alden is far too clever not to recognise that this is at heart a desperately serious piece. His control of mood is positively Shakespearean: when music demands it, the

larking-about stops, and in this he is at one with the trol of musico-dramatic pace from the harpsichord is faultless. The score canters along at near-speech rate, but relaxes into sweetly scented lyricism. profundity even, when the chameleon-composer requires it. Musical colour from both the singers' delivery of the Italian text and from the gorgeously sonorous continuo group ravishes the ear. The comedy tends to be

broader than in Munich, if only because the principals are less stately: the Nero and Poppea of Paul Nilon and Catrin Wyn Davies get up to amorous high jinks (to describe which one would have to resort to Latin) in a way that their more famous counterparts might have have found beneath them - Wyn Davies, especially, is inde-scribably sexy and in years to come could be the Lulu of one's dreams. Both are slightly dottier, too, which adds spice to Monteverdi's and Busenello's vision of a world in which seedy, decrepit gods provoke psychopathic mortals

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There are many riveting performances. Sally Burgess's Empress Ottavia, every word an Exocet missile homing in on its target, makes Joan Crawford look like a shrinking violet. Neil Jenkins sings Arnalta very beautifully, and is the stateliest, most tightlipped drag queen imaginable, like Ronnie Barker at his best. And he keeps his act up through the curtain calls: when a lewd wolf-whistle greeted him from the gallery. he responded with a shy moue and modestly lowered eyes. Michael Chance was plainly relishing a rare opportunity to exploit his gift for comedy as

Oftone, and sang exquisitely.

And so on: Gwynne Howell's All Souls don of a Seneca, who believes everything can be solved with another glass of Scotch; Linda Kitchen's delightfully daffy Drusilla-as-PA: Julie Unwin's Damigella with her vertiginous cleavage; Alice Coote's tippling Goddess of Fortune doubling a Valetto straight out of Orton, and treated as such — all are vividly coloured portrayals. There is a tradition of shared productions seeming slightly muted second time round, but thanks to Alden and his new cast, the reverse is definitely true in Cardiff.

RODNEY MILNES



Neil Jenkins as Arnalta, "the stateliest drag queen imaginable", with Catrin Wyn Davies's "indescribably sexy" Poppea

How would Beethoven have done it?

WHAT one would give for an archive recording of Beethoven playing a Mozart piano concerto when the work was hot off the press! It happened in Vienna when Beethoven composed his own fiery cadenzas for the D minor Concerto. And it was as if it had

happened all over again on Wednesday when Maria João Pires took these cadenzas as the cue to think herself into the mind of Beethoven as recreator in a thrillingly revelatory performance of the K466

With Bernard Haitink as

trai opening already bristled with reinvention. The horns first entry sent shock waves through the strings, and the robust expansiveness of the piano in the development was an augury of the fierce dissec-

tion and celebration of the movement's ideas in that first Beethovenian cadenza.

Tension was barely released in a Romanze which all but belied its name, and certainly readjusted any indulgently post-Romantic view of it. Just as a quickening of pace in a conventionally slow. Mozart aria can suddenly discover its true pulse, so the brisk heartbeat of Pires's chosen tempo not only increased the move-

ment's sense of pathos, but CONCERT

passionate minor-key episode. The flute shot through the string textures like flame, as if to prepare for a finale in which brimstone of Don Giovanni's ending is very much in the air. The dramma giocoso episodes were tossed this way and that, revealing the harmonic and rhythmic tensions which inspired Beethoven's second turbulent cadenza, again magnificently recreated in the fearless fin-

Plenty of steam rose, too, from Haitink's impassioned performance of Ravel's Daphnis and Chloë. This was a rare chance to hear not the suites but the symphonic choreographique in its entirety. Although there is a sense of some of the music waiting in the wings, the London Philharmonic's playing bared the physical immediacy and the

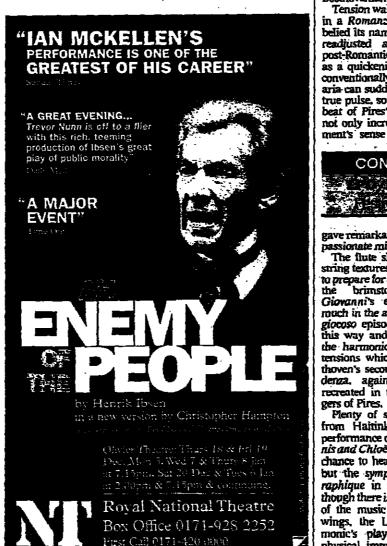
And the chaste ecstasy of the choral interlude (BBC Singers) between two exquisitely achieved orchestral visions of the god Pan will resonate long

in the memory.

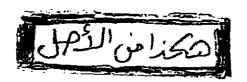
the beginning of her encore: "We are not together," she told him. At 64 she still calls the

JOHN HIGGINS









A nudge at the gates of Sodom

This launches Live at the Vaudeville, meaning months or even years in which funny men, funny women and, come the Right Stuff in January, funny theatre groups will be testing out their tickling sticks in the West End Julian Clary does not, as it happens, do a great deal for my own armpits; but he makes a good opening choice for the first season, for he projects a subversive, anti-Establishment feel without ever leaving his more squeamish audiences feeling they have ventured too far through the gates of Sodom.

The impression is of a Quentin Crisp who has bathed in enough asses' milk and swallowed enough monkeys' glands to be restored to his pristine perfection. Or of a svelte, powdered Durian Gray whose attic harbours a portrait that is as yet only

Julian Clary Vaudeville

mildly raddled. There are suggestions that Clary, the renowned homosexual as he styles himself, has feasted with the odd panther in his time; but they are a matter of hints, nudges and a lot of knowing doubles

The curtain rises on loads of sunflowers and tall Alice-in-Wonderland yellow roses in pots. In dance two huge green pods, which proceed to lob giant peas at the audience. Then out of one of them slithers Clary, to make rather a crude crack about Jim Dale's Fagin and his eightrimes-a-week relationship with Oliver and to tell a marginally funnier anecdote about mistaking a fish-and-chip for a sauna. Myself, I laughed heartily just once, when Clary dropped a remark about becoming a "novelty horse-trough in Paris". What it meant I don't know, but it fitted the surreal mise-en-scene.

Clary could, you feel, be more sophisticated and cutting if he wished: but his fastidious friendliness and cool professionalism clearly delighted the first-night spectators. indeed, he manipulated them with charm and ease, reproving one woman for her hairdo ("how long ago did your perm go so horribly wrong?"). offering an over-loud laugher a hanana, and having some predictable fun at the expense of a party who claimed to come from the marketing department of London Zoo. Myself. I yearned for a bit more danger - and, as if to answer my prayer. Clary did once or twice court

A woman in the audience was hadgered into giving her phone number, upon which Clary called her house in Bishops Stortford. As it happened, he got a cheerful-sounding girl who owned a horse called Jodine and was working on her A levels: but



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Julian Clary, a comedian with charm and subversion in equal measure, is the opening choice for the first season of Live at the Vaudeville

Playing with the audience

the Lesbian", had found in a nearby pub. Two of them looked like the sort HOWEVER keen one's feeling for of squat, scrubbed toughs who might snow, walking into this theatre so go in for a little queer-bashing at recently and reluctantly vacated by the Peter Hail Company brings closing time; but they grinned cheerily as Clary ribbed them and even pangs of regret for the theatrical submitted to a routine involving high future that might have been. Perhaps the best possible successor is a I liked his S&M fantasy, which show that ends as buoyantly as this involved being frogmarched down one, for after its sequences of superior clowning from Slava Polunin, and his fellow performer the M4 and forced to lie face down in a Little Chef, and I liked his Angela de Castro, the shaggy white neterosexual sex primer, which primly advised fun-lovers to kiss "sensitive scenery parts and three vast balparts, a scar perhaps or a fat loons, red, blue and yellow, each half tummy". But a routine with a doll the height of the proscenium arch. that he claimed was his baby, like one come rolling forward into the auditoor two other items, could have been rium. Here they are sent bouncing more imaginative. Still, never mind. up into the air by our outstretched The chap is a cult, and his devotees arms - arms from all parts of the house, even the top circle.

The sight makes a nonsense of all BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE sense of size, space and location. My in his loose vellow coat, red cotton-own mind kept taking the absurd reel nose and fluffy red slippers. He

shuffles forward on these, moving Slava's Snowshow Old Vic an inch at a time.

leap of supposing I must have been magically miniaturised and pushed into a drum-shaped toy where these three balls were rolling around on top of me. From the stage a boy clown I take to be Ivan Polunin. Slava's son, fielded any balloons that landed there and bounced them back to us, while his father sat at a corner of the stage with his back to a pillar, gazing at the scene with an expression of benign content.

This apotheosis of the art of play has been added since Slava brought his show to Edinburgh 18 months ago, but he himself looks the same. his feet quickly but progressing only

Castro is a dumpy penguin of a person but with huge eyes of doglike innocence. She moves just as slowly. and the opening scenes are mostly entrances where the pair of them attempt to master simple acts. like managing to meet one another. When Castro unexpectedly departs. Slava makes the little movements we might try in the dark, groping in the air for the absent her. Shot through with arrows, he totters, and with a twitch of his mouth turns the agony to irony. Images of desolation switch to joy, then are left with the emotion suspended. All this and a snowstorm of heart-catching ferocity and beauty. A class act.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Come Shane

FOR a man whose career has at hest, meandered gently. Shane MacGowan has maintained an extraordinary popular presence. Since leaving the Pogues in 1901, he has produced only two albums, but he has been the subject of a television film, a contributor to the BBC's version of Perfect Day, and the face of Aer Lingus advertisements. And, just in case anyone failed to notice all this, he was arrested during his current tour with his band, the Popes.

Much of the attention is, of course, owed to his reputation

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as the man who wrote Fairwale of New York and A Pair of Brown Eyes, and who invested folk styles with punk passion. But there is another side to his fame; his legendary drinking. Read any interview with MacGowan and you find a detailed account of his intake of half-pints of Martini.

So, watching him play live. you try to concentrate on the music, but it is almost impossible. From the moment he shuffled cautiously across the Waterfront stage, one wondered about his health. His six-piece band — accordion. banjo, whistle, fiddle, guirar and drums - may kick the songs into life, but Mac-Gowan doesn't so much sing as recite the words between drags on his cigarette.

There is little force to the once bitter, raucous voice, and there is a bemused look on his face, whether he is performing old songs or new, whether Irish dance tunes or the cajun rock of Paddy Rolling Stone Only briefly do you glimpse the rough-edged sentimental ity that established his reputation. It is there in the melancholic chorus of Lonesome Highway when he pleads "don"t let me go. I love you so": or on Ewan MacColl's Dirty Old Town, when he reaches desperately for the notes. But whatever he does, the

audience adores him, cheering him on, vicariously relishing the sadly careless way be treats both himself and his

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Neither a surrender, nor isolation

Tony Blair explains the importance of Euro X

y far the most impor-tant decision at the Luxembourg summit concerned the agreement to begin negotiations on enlargement of the EU. The invitation to former communist countries was a truly historic development which we will take forward when we inherit the EU presidency in January.

Yet whatever the debate inside the council chamber. much of the attention outside focused more on discussions of Euro X, the planned informal grouping to discuss management of the single currency.

It is easy to understand why, after years of Conservative summitry, there is a desire in some quarters to present any European debate as being a battle between Britain and the rest. But in the four summits I have now attended as Prime Minister, it simply has not been like that. The image of an isolated Britain is entirely false. There was actually considerable support among many others for our position.

I now read bizarre accounts of mythical conversations in which Helmut Kohl is said to have urged me to "salute the French flag" a bit more! He said no such thing, of course. Indeed, he played a helpful role in the discussions. But we have to get out of the absurd position which presupposes that only Britain fights for its own ends, while all the other countries basically agree on everything that comes before them. I well remember at Amsterdam, in the middle of the night, the whole negotiation being held up by one country for four hours until a

solution was found. The issue on which we fought at the recent Luxembourg summit was, however, crucial to our national interest. Nobody should imagine it was a side show, or an issue of presentation or even prestige. There were crucial points of substance and principle at

The issue was this: should Euro X become, in effect, a new body of economic government for the EU, in which membership is restricted soleto those countries in the single currency area?

There are those in Europe who wanted that to be the case. But the effect would have damaged Britain. It would have meant that on some issues crucial to our national interests, whether we are in or out of the single currency, Britain and others would have been shut out. The concern about that prospect was by no means confined to the four countries of the 15 who will not

he in the first wave. So it was vital that Ecofin, the Finance Ministers of all 15 member states, was reasserted not just as the primary but as the only decision-making

halv. Of course, we have always said that countries who were in the single currency should be able to meet informally to discuss the narrow range of issues that arise from that position But the other vital agreement at Luxembourg was that where the interests of non-euro countries are engaged, or matters of general economic policy are discussed, all countries are there as of right. And in any event, any issue of dispute can be immedjately tabled for discussion at

Ecofin, and it is at Ecofin that

all decisions are taken. This allows a perfectly sensible arrangement where matters genuinely to do with the manangement of the single currency can be discussed, though not decided, by countries in the single currency. But otherwise, all countries take part, whether informally in Euro X, or formally at

Of course, there was some very robust debate. But it was important that the context of Euro X was set in a sensible way, and to be fair to the French Government, they accepted this as right. So any misunderstanding is now clarified and that, in the end, whatever the struggle to get there, was welcomed by all.

It was not just the British that leared a rival body to Ecolin. Our lear was never that an informal grouping could get together to discuss issues surrounding the euro. It was that we could not take part in those discussions when they affected our national interest, and that any body rather than Ecofin made decisions concerning the EU approach to economic

issues. On January I we take over the presidency of the EU. We do so as a country that is positive about Europe, engaged in Europe, but resolute in defence of what is right and in our interests. We signalled immediately after the election that with a new Government would come that new and more positive approach.

The benefits were clear from the gains we made in discussion on the new Amsterdam treaty. They were clear too, as was widely recognised throughout Europe, from the British contribution to the vital debate on economic reform at the special jobs summit. They were clear when we secured our objectives on the tobacco

But nobody ever imagined that there would not be times when we would have to engage in very strong argument to protect our interests. Neither we not anyone else around that table in Luxembourg see anything wrong in that. The impression is sometimes given - another sad legacy from the Tory years that the only choice is between surrender and isolation.

That is false. It is in Britain's interests that we are a leading player in Europe, and though we are not in the first wave of EMU, we are a leading player and the other countries large and small welcome that. It is in Britain's interests to be standing up for a vision of Europe that is right. It is in Britain's interests to be at the heart of vital debates ahead, on reform of the common agricultural policy for example, on enlargement, on driving through the single market. There will be arguments and it is important to win them. We do that by being pro-European and tena-

cious in equal measure. Yes, there is a new rhetoric. But there is new substance too. That has led to a new understanding in Europe both of Britain's influence and of our determination. We put both to Britain's, and to Europe's,

Questions are growing about Microsoft's power and arrogance — and the quality of its products

Is Bill Gates really icrosoft has developed the most powerful monopoly Lin human history, even more powerful than the monopoly John D. Rockefeller built in Standard Oil. This is proving to be the year in which the public attitude to Microsoft selling us all Ladas? has changed. Last January Bill Gates was still generally seen as a benefac-tor of mankind, who had developed new and efficient software to spread the advance of electronic communica-

This could have resulted in the 80 per cent of users who have Windows 95 also automatically having a Microsoft connection for browsing on the Internet. The main loser would have been Netscape Communications, Microsoft's main competitor in

this part of the market. Microsoft did not directly break the consent decree; it thought it had found a way around it. The company made the purchase of Windows 95 conditional on taking Microsoft's Internet browsing software as well. The US Government objected, and last week, in a preliminary hearing, the judge upheld the Government's

The United States has a long history of hostility to business mo-nopolies; a series of big monopolies have been reduced or broken up. The Supreme Court in 1911 dissolved the original Standard Oil Company into a number of big but separate com-panies. After the Second World War, American Telephone and Telegraph was similarly broken up into regional companies and IBM, which had a monopoly position in computer hardware, had to sign a consent decree after litigation in the 1980s. The precedents under American law are that Microsoft will not be allowed to expand, or even retain, its present

degree of monopoly.

Public opinion has historically been the decisive factor in forcing the break-up of American monopolies. It was President Theodore Roosevelt

who called the anti-trust journalists "muckrakers", but they did their job. In his later years, John D. Rockefeller, the greatest individual monopo-list before Bill Gates, went for advice to a public relations firm, and took to giving out dimes to children in the street in order to soften his image as a hard-hearted businessman. He also became a philanthropist on a large scale. He may have become personaliy more popular, but the idea of monopoly did not. There is already a lively anti-

Microsoft campaign, though so far it has largely been expressed in the independent rather than the American establishment press. On the Internet itself there are Websites devoted to criticising Microsoft: there are also samizdat anti-Microsoft sheets, which are photocopied and passed from hand to hand. Now something new is happening. Busi-nessmen, both in the United States and Britain, are reviewing the results of their own investment in information technology, and many of them are not liking what they see. In the early 1990s many UK

businesses developed an innocent faith in investment in information technology. The board decided what the needs were, consultants came in and made recommendations, the board approved them as an item of capital expenditure, the hardware and software were installed. Big improvements in efficiency and savings of staff were expected, as was a large increase in profits as a return on the IT investment. Unfortunately, things did not work out like that for most businesses, at any stage of the

Most senior managers now at board level have only a superficial understanding of information tech-nology, boards are bad at deciding what they need; consultants are expensive, hard to monitor, and of variable quality; their recommendations are often inappropriate to the real needs of the business; the technology and software seldom deliver what the consultants have promised, and always cost more than the boards have budgeted for; the IT systems need to be updated continuously; the once-for-all capital expenditure turns out to be an annual commitment, tending to rise year after year, the improvement in efficiency is less than has been forecast, and staff savings are much less indeed, sometimes staff numbers actually rise; profit gains are much smaller and the IT investment is much bigger than the board hoped

investment, IT turns out to be a

running cost.

Boards blame everybody, including particularly the consultants, and sometimes even themselves. But most of all they blame Microsoft, which is a monopoly for much of the software and some to be action with while and seems to be getting rich while failing to deliver the goods. The boards want a normal suppliers choice of circle and ratioble coff. choice of simple and reliable software, which does all that is asked of it, allows real savings to be made, does not cost too much, and does not have to be changed too often. No doubt that is what Microsoft or its successors will be providing in a generation's time, but it is certainly not what businesses have been getting in the 1990s. Microsoft, in monopolising a world of profit, has also monopolised a world of blame. It is rather as though an automobile company were the sole world supplier of cars, priced them at the Mercedes level, built in obsolescence so that every owner had to buy a new one every year, and actually sold Ladas.

The next litigation is going to be equally important. It concerns Microsoft's use of the computer language Java, which can provide comparability between Windows 95 and other computer software. Java would undermine Microsoft's Windows monopoly and Microsoft has been trying to avoid that. Sun Microsystems, which developed Java, is trying to force Microsoft to operate according to what it believes be the contract. Of course, Microsoft has the reply, and is even counter-suing. My belief is that the American hatred of monopoly, which dates at least from the 1880s, will prevail. The best advice one can offer Bill Gates is to start handing out money to children; I know he will need to offer them dollar bills rather

The Age of the Inspectors

A powerful new elite is patrolling Britain's town

tions. Now, this December, Mr Gates

is widely seen as a systematic

monopolist of communication soft-ware who is exploiting the informa-tion age. Microsoft is viewed as

greedy, not over-competent, manipu-

lative and arrogant. It is thought to be

charging too much for software which is still far from being user-

friendly. His critics attack Bill Gates,

as their critics attacked the old

monopolists, as a malefactor of

The degree of monopoly is not in doubt. Microsoft provides the soft-ware for more than 90 per cent of

personal computers and for 80 per

cent of word-processing. Some 80 per cent of computers use Windows 95.

Next year Microsoft planned to laurich Windows 98, which was

intended to include an "Internet Explorer" facility. If that does go

ahead, the Microsoft monopoly could

well be extended to the Internet. A

world monopoly in communication

software would give awesome power

Microsoft competitors, and the

American Government, allege that

Microsoft uses its power to lock out

competitors. Last week there was a

crucial judgment in the American

courts which went against Microsoft.

The issue arose out of Microsoft's

consent agreement with the US

Government in 1995 that it would not

seek to extend its monopoly by

putting Internet browsing software in

a single package with Windows 95.

and be extremely profitable.

great wealth".

halls, says

Peter Riddell

on't put your daughter on the stage Mrs Worthington. Consider, instead, her becoming a government inspector. This offers far better prospects. We are now in the age of the auditor and the inspector, Plato's "Guardian Class". Recent announcements about the future of the NHS, schools and local government all involve greatly increased national inspection of local performance. It is new Labour's way of running the public services.

The big expansion of such auditors/inspectors started under the Tories. This was because of a change in the role of the State, from provider to regulator and supervisor - nota-bly over the privatised utilities, but also other public services. Implicit in the Tory approach was that such audits should encourage competition. Local councils were forced to test services against private sector bids under compulsory competitive ten-dering (CCT). The information provided by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and by national league tables was intended to allow parents to choose between schools in effect, leading to selection where

demand outstripped supply.

Labour has built on this structure, though with the crucially different aim not of assisting market solutions but as a substitute for them. There is a lot of characteristic new Labour guff about partnership, co-operation, sharing and contestability (a euphemism for competition and losing contracts). While unwilling to give local councils the freedom they had before 1979, ministers recognise that the public needs reassurance about the quality and cost of services. But they do not believe this can be achieved by increasing consumer



choice directly, so inspectors are being given greater powers to improve local standards

The new School Standards and Framework Bill gives the Secretary of State powers to intervene over failing education authorities, schools and teachers. David Blunkett and Stephen Byers believe central Government has the responsibility to correct failure. A parallel approach was proposed in last week's NHS White Paper. A new Commission for Health Improvement is being set up with powers to check on local standards after recent errors in cancer screening - and the Health Secretary will have powers to intervene directly. Similarly, the Government intends to replace CCT with what is known as "Best Value", a rolling system of audit of all local authority services. There are many virtues in such audits, particularly where the provid-

er is itself the council. Chris Woodhead and Ofsted may be unpopular with teacher unions, but as the scourge of underperforming teachers and schools, they have punctured comfortable notions about improving results and identified what needs to be done. Similarly, the Audit Commission has built up an impressive record over the past decade not just as a watchdog of financial probity but also as a rigorous, and independent, monitor of the effectiveness of local bodies, including councils, the police

Under the energetic Andrew Foster, the commission has published a series of reports on variations in standards of performance - most recently, on the striking contrasts in

to Gordon Brown, has an outside

interest as treasurer of "Canaries at Westminster", promoting the flag-ging fortunes of Norwich City PC.

The performance of Balls - reput-

edly a financial whizz-kid - has

turned some Canaries, well.

the experience by patients of pain after surgery at different hospitals. It has also done work on broader issues such as crime and community

safety and care of the elderly. The dilemma the commission now faces is how far is it seen as an agent of Whitehall in implementing best value" and how far can it remain an independent auditor, advising local bodies and people. Auditors can do much to propagate

best practice and cost-effective solutions, not just to help obvious failures but also, crucially, as Mr Foster argues, the mass of average performers. But inspectors cannot be the sole answer to funding decisions. As Stephen Pollard gives warning in the New Statesman, the NHS White Paper does not resolve the underlying problem of rationing scarce re-sources. Waiting lists will still exist. If there is a limit on taxpayer finance, then more money will have to come from the private sector. But the Government does not want to address this issue and has discouraged private provision by ending tax relief on medical insurance for the elderly and by its squeeze on middle-

class savings.

The audit culture is also a managerial phenomenon. It provides information to enable ministers, civil servants and managers to take action. There are dangers, as Michael Power, of the London School of Economics, has argued, not only in a pathology of excessive checking, but also in creating measures of performance in the interests of the audited body rather than the public. Parents. natients and council taxpayers can themselves do little apart from nag-ging local providers. The NHS White Paper proposes to strengthen the clout of general practitioners in relation to hospitals, but patients will be confronted with local monopolies of GPs in the new primary care groups. They will still have little choice.

The Government has been a bit more adventurous in proposing education action zones, clusters of schools in run-down areas where educators, parents and businesses can try new approaches. But it has been reluctant to allow explicit competition within the public sector along the lines of the successful charter schools in America. These schools, championed by President Clinton, are still taxpayerfinanced, but are independently run by groups of teachers, parents and sinesses. They are not a middleclass preserve but have been popular in inner-city areas. They could provide real parental choice as an alternative to failing schools.

The Government is right to emphasise national inspection and comparison. The links between voters and funding are too weak to provide sufficient pressure on local providers. National inspection has an important role in improving stan-dards. But as instinctive Leminists, the Blair team still have too much liking for central direction. The Government inspector needs to be supplemented by genuine

Bowling off?

CAMILLA PARKER BOWLES may lay down her crop. The figurehead of the Beaufort Hunt is being urged by triends to muck in with public opinion by giving up hunting. They fear that being seen in such warrior pose makes Camilla, due to ride out on Boxing Day, appear "haughty and aloof". The move will cause deep gloom among the Beaufort moh (Princess Michael of Kent, the



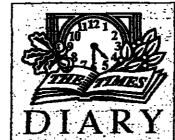
Yoiks and goodbye: Mrs PB

Duke of Beaufort, the usual Gloucestershire stiff necks), who had relied on her support. Camilla hunted with them last month, just 24 hours after MPs supported a ban on hunting with hounds. Her friend the Prince of Wales is, according to aides. "acutely aware" of the public mood. He hunts less now and tells friends that he may have to quit the sport. Allowing a drag hunt on his Highgrove estate was an attempt to appease the antihunring lobby. Stalwarts at the Beaufort are sceptical. "It's scurrilous to suggest that Mrs PB will give in to pressure. says lan Farquhar, joint-master. My sources are less certain.

■ LORD Archer of Weston-super-Mare may have replaced Bob Hoskins as star of those lucrative BT adverts, but the actor bears no ill-will: "Anyone who can get money out of BT, good luck to 'em."

Desk job

DESPITE claims that his staff



and bugged the phones of under lings, Mohamed Al Fayed is a great protector of privacy. Particularly his own, as Mr James Steen, Editor of Punch, the Egyptian shopkeep-er's fabled organ, has discovered. Steen attended an editorial conference in Al Fayed's Knightsbridge office recently. Realising he was alone, he found his fingers scampering through letters on his master's desk. They would prove an irresistible honeypot to any journalist," Steen offers. Unfortunately, Al Fayed walked in - and took a rather less charitable view. The result: a ban, temporary I trust, from the proprietor's suite.

• THE truth about Father Christmas has been deemed unsuitable for TV by the advertising regulator, broke into Tiny Rowlands's safe ITC. It has instruced advertising

agencies not to cause unnecessary stress to children by showing adverts which "indicate that a child's main presents are not delivered by the real Santa Claus". The message comes too late for Comet, which has released a commercial of a father in red rig rushing out to play a Playstation.

Yellow peril A NEW scandal looms at the Trea-



yellow. "The group has no funds," says a source. "I hope the Chancel-lor doesn't have the same problem." The club president has been urged to investigate. Awkwardly, that is the celebrated sleazebuster. Martin Bell, MP. "The second half sury. Mr Ed Balls, special adviser of the season is always better than the first with Norwich," suggests

> ● NOSTALGIA will pervade the Lords today, when Lord Marris of Manchester, who as Alf Morris introduced the first disability legislation, makes his maiden speech in a debate sponsored by Baroness Masham of Ilton. It was her powerful speech from a wheelchair that helped power through his Bill

Balls, by way of defence.

Jap ilap

WANTED: a Japanese tutor for Tony Blair. The PM is to head a huge British invasion of Japan in the new year, with everyone from Kenneth Branagh to Highland Games competitors. Flatteringly, entirely crushed,



GRETA SCACCHI is having a torrid time filming Love and Rage, surrounded by Atlantic swirl off the Irish coast. The costume drama features a great house burning down (fiercely). Now the production office has been struck by lightning. Worse, local prints say she is playing a "dowdy dowager". "What," she demands, "is dowdy about me?"

1998 is Year of British Culture in Japan. Mr Cool Britannia is keen to display cosmopolitan flair, and wants to learn basic phrases. He has already impressed Euro-types with his franglais, but Japanese could be more challenging. I just hope that Japan's happy image of Britain — crusty colonels, bored Recleaters, peeling palaces — is not

● GEOFFREY ROBINSON seems little keener to share his Lutyens homes than he is details about his finances. The Lutyens Trust has not been invited to either the Hampshire mansion, Surrey villa or London flat "We invite him to all our functions," it says, "but we've yet to set eyes on him."

JASPER GERARD





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Geoffrey Robinson's credibility is slipping away

CUTTING BY DEGREES

Oxbridge college fees may be cunningly eroded

This Government has, rightly, placed a considerable emphasis on lifelong learning. It is unfortunate that it appears unwilling to apply those lessons to itself. One month ago, Tony Blair was obliged to appear on television and defend himself in what became known as the Bernie Ecclestone affair. As Peter Mandelson shrewdly observed shortly afterwards, the Labour Party had strayed into needless political difficulty for two reasons. It had ignored the reality that an appearance of impropriety is as important as its actual practice and it had released relevant information belatedly and reluctantly rather than swiftly and openly.

All these mistakes have been revisited in the case of Geoffrey Robinson. The Paymaster General had, at first, chosen to ignore the various questions put to him. He then responded with letters threatening libel. Yesterday, by contrast, he appeared in almost every newspaper offering the same argument: that his financial transactions were legal and that he had done nothing wrong. At worst, it was implied, his association with an offshore trust of which he was but a "discretionary beneficiary" laid him open to unfair charges of hypocrisy.

If hypocrisy were the issue then Mr Robinson would have little to worry about. The trait is present in most professions, with politics a primary example. However, the Robinson affair has travelled well beyond that station. The shift in emphasis between his position at the outset of this saga and the explanation now outlined is so stark as to call into question his credibility. As Mr Blair, who has been a discretionary beneficiary of relative credibility, should know, this is the currency of politics. Mr Robinson is very close to the point of devaluation.

The Paymaster General's problems are threefold. First, there has been from the outset an inherent tension in a minister

Five months after the publication of the

Dearing report the fate of college fees — and

hence the continued viability of Oxford and

Cambridge in their present form — is still

uncertain. David Blunkett met the two Vice-

Chancellors last week to outline the options

presented to him by the Higher Education

Funding Council for England. Their

conversation was cordial but inconclusive.

This week may produce some solid answers.

ing speed, between Mr Blunkett, Tony Blair

and Gordon Brown. At one stage, it seemed

that Baroness Blackstone, the Minister for

scorched earth campaign against Oxbridge.

It then looked certain that the Prime Minist-

er had intervened to restore existing financ-

ial arrangements. Since then, however, the

Chancellor has made a last-minute appear-

ance - rather like General Blücher at Wat-

Mr Blunkett now has the thankless task of

seeking a solution. The formula that has at-

tracted his attention would abandon the coll-

ege fee but transfer the sums involved direct-

ly to the two university authorities as addit-

ional revenue. This might strike some as a

rational and reasonable compromise. Ox-

bridge would keep the cash and the Govern-

could even be presented as a partial climb-

logic in the college fee as currently con-

stituted. The distinctive feature of Oxbridge

teaching is that it is conducted in small sets,

based in and organised by colleges. The shift

of moneys to a common fund would cease to

reflect that reality. Furthermore, the move

would inevitably alter the balance of power

between the colleges and the universities.

There is a very strong case indeed that this

relationship should be reconsidered and

The slapping Santa of Rochdale broke the

the seasonal spirit in that birthplace of the

its customers as stakeholders. He ruined

Christmas for one small boy, and shattered

the illusions of other children queueing to

whisper shyly to Santa what they wanted for

Christmas. So he should be reprimanded by

Ofsled. But at least he struck a blow for free-

dom of information and full and frank dis-

closure of sauces, including brandy butter.

inquisitive and rational child who promises

to go far, asked Santa Claus how he had

managed to cross Greater Manchester so

fast when he had just seen him in another

store a mile away. He then pulled his beard.

which came away in his hand. What

happened thereafter is disputed. Chris-

topher, his mother and other witnesses say

that Santa slapped Christopher's face

sharply and strode away in a rage. The store

owner says that Santa was simply trying to

pull his beard back in order to maintain his

cover, and accidentally struck Christopher.

Santa Claus himself was not available for

comment. But he has been replaced by a

substitute red December 25-shirt in the

The average male goes through three San-

ta Claus stages in his lifetime. First, he

believes in Santa Claus. Then, he does not

grotto of the supermarket.

Eight-year-old Christopher Chantler, an

20-operative movement, which ought to treat

Christmas credibility Claus. He also ignored

Appearances can be deceptive. There is a

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down by the Department for Education.

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Higher Education, might succeed in her

This issue has bounced, often at bewilder-

whose primary responsibilities involve savings and taxation matters also having such a close connection with a tax avoidance mechanism. That would be true whether or not Gordon Brown had chosen to condemn such practices in the absolute language that he did. If it were a Conservative minister, this would still be an issue. Furthermore, it is certain that Labour would have pursued it with total vigour. It is hard to see how Mr Robinson can be plausibly presented to the public on such questions now that he has become "Mr Offshore".

Secondly, his story has shifted considerably. He initially claimed that the transactions between Transtec, Stenbell and Orion Trust were conducted at "arms length" and that he had no influence on them. He has since conceded that he "suggested" to the trustees that they might pursue the rights issue that he had declined to take up. He was also intimately involved in the trust's acquisition of shares in Coventry City Football Club. His UK trust may be blind. His Guernsey trust appears less than deaf and barely short-sighted. Thirdly, it is uncertain whether Treasury officials were fully informed of these complex connections when they blessed the minister's dealings.

Mr Robinson's credibility can only be rescued by complete disclosure. Some of his financial arrangements will involve matters of corporate confidence and the accounts of others that should not be exposed to press and public. Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, should be asked to adjudicate on what those items are and then scrutinise them himself in private. Nothing should be withheld from him. It is hard to see what the Paymaster General would lose from such external examination. If he will not submit himself to it, then, regrettably, he should lose his office.

some additional authority moved to the

centre. That, though, should be the result of

internal deliberation and not the imposed

can only be clipped or completely chopped in

a public fashion. Submerged into a wider

sum it can be invisibly eroded. This is almost

certain to happen. The Government will

offer no guarantee that the differential

awarded in the first year of a single grant

would be retained thereafter. The Depart-

ment for Education is committed to a policy

of "convergence" whereby a fixed figure.

with minor differentials, is allocated per

student for each subject regardless of

location. Over time, therefore, Oxford and

Cambridge would both lose public funding.

change is substantial. The responsibility for

the coilege fee would, effectively, pass from

ministers and officials to the universities. As

the overall grant to Oxbridge gradually

declines, they would be the ones faced with

hard choices. The fee might disappear

outright or, if it was to be preserved, either

cuts would have to come elsewhere or the

colleges would be obliged to liquidise their

assets. In either example, the colleges would

If it comes to this, there is a third option

which Oxbridge should embrace with

vigour. That is to launch another, perma-

nent, financial appeal to preserve the

collegiate structure and tutorial system.

There would be virtues in this innovation in

any circumstances. It should not be the

involuntary act of institutions desperate to

Prime Minister. Mr Blair has often spoken

of his passion for education. Oxbridge will

shortly discover if he has an equivalent

believe in Santa Claus. And finally, he is

Santa Claus. But the divisions between these

three stages are not sharp, and they are blur-

red by bluff, anxiety to please and an eye for

the main stocking. Anyway, so many

legends surround Father Christmas that it is

a mistake to insist that they should be

verifiable or falsifiable. A legend that can

last so long and spread so far needs no

verification, but only suspension of disbelief.

drawn red-nosed reindeer, enter centrally-

heated households down imaginary chim-

neys, and circumnavigate the globe during

one winter night has his reasons that defy

beard-pulling. The Father Christmas in

stores and supermarkets, in their red

uniforms and smelling festive after lunch.

Everyhody agrees that a small child

excited by the magic of Christmas cannot be

beat. Though if a stick is near to hand, the

temptation can become almost irresistible.

Master Chantler may have lost his childish

innocence about Santa Claus, though it was

probably time for him to move on to the next

stage in the legend. But he has learnt a more

important lesson for life. There are some

questions that are better not asked. And if

you pull the beard of Father Christmas, you

should duck. But you may win a complimen-

tary shopping voucher better than the

trinket he was going to give you.

have become part of the tradition.

A legend who can ride a flying sleigh

This matter can still be determined by the

secure survival.

HO, HO, HO, SLAP

He who pulls the beard of a legend should have a long arm

commitment to excellence.

be set against each other or the centre.

The appeal to Whitehall of this proposed

While the college fee still sits in isolation it

diktat of national government.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Vested interests distract from issues of climate change

From Dr Robin Russell-Jones

Sir. Failure to agree meaningful cuts in greenhouse gas emissions at Kyoto (report and article, "Warming to global change", December 11) is not just a failure for the United Nations; it is a failure of the entire democratic process and a betrayal by our generation of future generations. A simple view of democracy is that it depends upon the ability of individuals to make their voices heard above the clamour of vested interest.

In America vested interests have dominated the debate, subverted the democratic process and branded the environmental movement as extreme. Yet global warming threatens the ecosystems which sustain life on this planet and will probably lead to a massive breakdown of agricultural production within three generations. What could be more extreme than

that? Yours faithfully, ROBIN RUSSELL-JONES, Atholi House, Church Lane, Stoke Poges SL2 4NZ.

From Mr Richard Starkey

Sir, Dr Wilfred Beckerman (article, December 11) claims that the effects of climate change will "on balance, for the world as a whole ... be beneficial". But Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which includes many emi-nent economists, has stated that literature on this subject estimates the damage caused by a 2.5C warming at 1.5

per cent to 2 per cent of world GDP. The group also stated that analyses indicated that 10 per cent to 30 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions in most countries could be reduced at negative or zero cost. A large body of recent work suggests that these reductions. could be as high as 60 per cent to 70 per cent. Hence the cost of preventing further climate change may not be

nearly as high as many fear. In my view there is no foundation for Dr Beckerman's concern that measures to prevent climate change must hurt the poor in the short term. Renewable sources of energy and efficient usage are in no way incompatible with improved energy services to rich and poor alike.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD STARKEY, University of Huddersfield, Centre for Corporate Environmental Management Queensgate, Huddersfield HD1 3DH. December 11.

From Dr David Fleming

Sir, Contrary views are usually stimulating and entertaining, and Dr Wilfred Beckerman has been providing engaging examples of them for many

Car-fixated countries and profoundly ignorant business people and the world are in continual search for ignorant business people all over justification for their stubborn refusal to engage with the climate-change issue. Dr Beckerman's article gives them all the excuse they need. With each raspberry blown against the painstaking science and politics of climate change the task of stabilising carbon emissions is put back, perhaps

Yours faithfully, DAVID FLEMING (Director), The Lean Economy Initiative, 104 South Hill Park, Hampstead, NW3 2SN. December II.

From Professor Philip Stott

Sir, It is particularly rich of the European delegations at the Kyoto summit to criticise the proposed American compromise over gas emissions and enhanced greenhouse warming (re-ports, December 8, 9). If a full basket of greenhouse gases is taken into account Denmark, for example, is the fifth worst polluter in the world, on a per capita basis, behind the United Arab Emirates, Canada, Australia and Kuwait.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP STOTT (Professor of Biogeography in the University of London), 24 Clarence Place, Windmill Hill, Gravesend, Kent DAI2 1LD. 101555.2432@compuserve.com

From Professor Ian Fells, FEng, FRSE Sir. Mr Nick Goodali of the British

Wind Energy Association (letter, De-cember 10) disputes my figure of 25,000 for the number of wind turbines required to generate 10 per cent of UK electricity (letter, December 4). Let me explain

A standard wind turbine is rated at 600kW, so that to generate at 5,000MW (10 per cent of UK demand) would require 8,300 wind machines. Unfortunately the wind does not blow all the time and wind turbines only generate one third of their rated output, on average, through the year. So, rather simplistically, we would require 3 x 8,300 - 24,900 machines to meet 10 per cent of UK electricity

It is important to be realistic about what can actually be achieved with renewable energy. Overoptimistic pre-dictions, based on new wind machines still on the drawing board or solar cells ten times cheaper than they are today, lead to unsustainable predictions and disappointment.

Yours faithfully, IAN FELLS. 29 Rectory Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 IYB. December 10.

Social Exclusion Unit's duty to all From the Director General

of Help the Aged

Sir, The creation of the Social Exclusion Unit (report, December 9) is a welcome innovation. It has two potential tial strengths: it is addressing the underlying causes of malaise rather than prescribing a remedy for a casualty, and it recognises the need for many policies to be owned and imple-mented by different units of government, working to a single aim and in

partnerships.

The field of crime prevention illustrates these issues well. It is not solely a police matter — it depends on planners, designers, teachers and other professionals, and it involves local authorities, businesses and charities. as well as individuals.

Help the Aged would also expect the Social Exclusion Unit to turn its attention to older people. They are not marginal to society. Their numbers are growing and they need to be seen as a central part of policy evolution. Preventing their isolation and providing for their care needs is a challenge to a

wide range of agencies.

The policy of care in the community, and promoting the successful independence of older people in their own homes, means getting right our strategies in housing, transport, volunteering, primary care and crime prevention too. And we need all the elements in place. Getting them nearly right is not good enough.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL LAKE, Director General. Help the Aged, Clerkenwell Green, ECIR OBE. December 10.

From Ms P. A. Pakos

Sir, Whilst the objectives of the Social Exclusion Unit are honourable, its name belies the positive image that should be portrayed. I suggest a change of name to the Social Inclusion Unit.

Yours faithfully. P. A. PAKOS, 4 Chapel Square, Virginia Water GU25 4SZ. December 9.

Ministerial 'nannies'

Sir, In its pursuit of political correct-

ness the Government may well have

the power to ban the sale of beef and

lamb on the bone, tobacco or alcohol

fletters. December 13); but it does not

have the power to ban us from buying

Retailers and restaurants should. I

suggest, adopt the tactics of the black

market in World War Two to beat the

imposed cost limit on meals. That is,

offer the forbidden goods free while

covering their costs by imposing a

mandatory packaging and/or service

Hopefully this may persuade the

Government to simply state the health

hazards of these items and leave the

choice to buy or not to the people.

From Professor H. C. Higgins

From Mr David Josephs Sir, Has Labour learnt nothing from its long years in opposition? Its attempts to create a more polite interview environment on the Today programme (report, December 13) are foolhardy, and make them sound like

Labour and 'Today'

the bleating Tories they succeeded. Government policy has to be chal-lenged and debated. John Humphrys interrupted Harriet Harman because a direct question. She should know better.

The Tories lost on May I because the electorate had ceased to trust them. Labour should have learnt from

Yours faithfully DAVID JOSEPHS, 49 High Street, Ecton, Northamptonshire NN6 0QA. djose10517@aol.com December 13.

From Mr Colin Bridger

Sir, New Labour's wimps are whingeing because of John Humphrys's attempts to get a straight answer (for a change) from poor, defenceless Harriet Harman. I suggest that the BBC should send them tapes of previous broadcasts, in which Mr Mandelson repeatedly interrupted both interviewers and other participants.

Yours faithfully, C. BRIDGER. 16 High Beeches, Frimley Camberley, Surrey GUI6 5UG. December 13.

Toyota and EMU From Mr Tam Large

Sir. Europhiles, eager to suggest that

Toyota's decision to build its new factory in France (reports, December 10) is due to our delay in joining EMU, predict further business losses unless we commit ourselves to the single currency. In reality, the company's move is more likely to be due to the Government's decision to give up our hardwon exemption and sign up to the social chapter.

Now that businesses in this country will face the same unwieldy and expensive workplace rules as the other member states, remaining in the UK will no longer be advantageous. It is capitulation to even more regulation through further integration with the EU which will harm inward investment and lose us our pre-eminent business position in Europe, not our scepticism about EMU.

Yours faithfully, TAM LARGE, Captains House, Streat BN6 8SB. tamlarge@compuserve.com December 11.

Hunting Bill .

From Mr Richard Gallagher

Sir, Mr Anthony Loehnis (letter, December 9) criticises Mr Michael Foster, MP, for failing to explain to him the difference between those who inflict pain on fish and those who inflict pain on hunted mammals. Mr Loehnis must always remember

that an angler is a person whose greatest pleasure comes from pitting his wits against those of a fish.

Yours sincerely. R. GALLAGHER, 13 Rowand Avenue, Giffnock G46 7PE. December 10.

The feasibility of linking schools

From the Director of Isis (Wales)

Sir, In welcoming the move to link more closely the work of the independent and maintained schools. Dr Harry Judge (letter, December 4) stresses that the "problem" is a peculiarly English - not British

We in Isis (Wales) somewhat envy our Scottish colleagues on the arrangements the already share through the Scottish Office, and we are beginning conversations with a view to approaching that pattern in Wales, once the assembly is established. However, the present snags to implementing the proposals put forward by the Schools Standards Minister (report, November 27) are maybe more apparent here even than in England. This is to do with the history and hence the generally small size, of our member schools, rather than any wish to create or sustain a social gulf

between our pupils. Whilst there are timetabling as well as financial difficulties in sharing facilities such as playing fields, swim-ming pools and sports halls, difficulties linked to any sharing of teaching are yet more complex. My members would not claim any exclusive provi-sion of good teaching, but their schools' ambience and structures may make that teaching more readily effec-Whilst it is possible to share teach-

even that could be unsettling to classes or individual pupils. Again, there is the practical need to look at supporting financial arrangements Parents who pay for smaller

classes, and for what they see as consequently more effective teaching. might at least expect those sharing them to subscribe as much as they do.

Lottery, tax and benefit From Mr H. J. Baker

Sir. Libby Purves ("It could be us, at last", December 9) should understand that the National Lottery is rather like a voluntary tax. If enthusiasm abates, how is the Government going to make good the shortfall, after it has annexed (in bad faith) a growing slice of lottery funds?

Yours faithfully, H. J. BAKER, 8 Grovelands. Lower Bourne, Farnham, GU10 3RQ. December 9.

From Mr Lawrence T. Roach

Sir, Libby Purves may be on to something. If the Prime Minister really thinks it is OK to fund part of governemment Revenue Lottery".

ment spending from the lottery, why not all of it? Each pound paid in taxes could buy a chance in the "UK Gov-If only one tenth of 1 per cent of total

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ing, for example in specialist subjects and even preparation for Oxbridge,

Yours sincerely, FRANK EDWARDS, Director, Wales, Independent Schools Information Service, 3 Heol Crwys, Fishguard SA65 9EJ. December 5.

revenue were set aside for prizes, it would provide a wonderful incentive for taxpayers (or even ministers) to avoid tax-avoidance schemes.

Yours faithfully, L. T. ROACH, 43 Ripon Way. Borehamwood WD6 2HY.

From Mrs Anne Wolrige Gordon

Sir. Libby Purves says she is sick of being given £80.20 a month which she does not need. The answer is simple, she can, like a number of us in our time, refuse to claim the money. Nobody is forced to accept child benefit. My husband's grandmother, Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, who died in her 99th year, always refused to accept a state pension for the same

Yours faithfully, ANNE WOLRIGE GORDON, Ythan Lodge, Newburgh, Ellon, Aberdeenshire AB41 6AD. December 9.

Abbot, ten miles distant from Lust-

leigh, but I cannot see that it does

much to help the postman; indeed, its

addition only causes confusion for vis-

itors searching for the village and, moreover, I note that many organisa-

tions in rural Devon have quietly

dropped the town from their adver-

tised address; their mail apparently.

continues to arrive with its customary

Lustleigh, Newton Abbot TQ13 9SN

Sir. Another result of postcodes is that

the county name is omitted in favour

of a postal town. Thus East Bergholt

has acquired a Colchester number

and the Suffolk squires of that fair vil-

lage suddenly find themselves as

Essex Men. There are, I am afraid,

some in this village who wish our

postal town was Ipswich so that the

speed and efficiency.

Yours faithfully,

JOE CROWDY.

December 10.

Pepperdon Mine.

From Mr Paul Dison

From Major-General J. P. Crowdy

Sir, All of us who have to write our addresses on envelopes in longhand (and this surely includes millions currently sending their annual correspondence by way of a Christmas card) must wish for a minimalist form of addressing suggested by Mr William Fisher (letter, November 25). But even if we cannot reduce the address to a single line there is certainly a case, now that we all have postcodes, for omitting some of the unnecessary verbiage cluttering our envelopes.

Would Mr John Lancaster of the Royal Mail (letter, December 10). whose own address occupies an alarming five lines, allow us to drop, for example, the name of the postal town? Here in Devon we are exhorted to include this, in my case Newton

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reverse could apply. Yours faithfully, PAUL DIXON, Ivy House, Dedham, Colchester CO7 6DE. Court Cottage, The Green, Hampton Court KG8 9BW. December 13.

Yours faithfully,

HAL HIGGINS

these items.

Keeping in touch From Mr David Oldbury

Sir. Dr Brooke Barnett's suggestion (letter, December 12) that young ram-blers should carry a mobile telephone is a good one in theory.

In many years of leading and supporting school parties of walkers. I have found that the wilder the country the slimmer the chances are that my mobile telephone will work.

Yours sincerely DAVID OLDBURY, Mackean House, The Precinct, Rochester MEI ITD.

From Mr Alan Robinson

Sir, If people are lost on moor or mountain they are by definition unaware of their location. How can they then tell a potential rescuer where to

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find them? A Lake District mountain rescue team cites the case of a person who telephoned for directions from the summit of a mountain, the only probiem being that he didn't know which

Yours faithfully, ALAN ROBINSON, Old Orchard, 25a Aylesbury Road, Wing, Leighton Buzzard LU7 OPD December 12.

Short story

From Mr Colin Lambie Logue Sir, In order to avoid a recruitment crisis in the Pope's Swiss Guard, officials won't change the rules but "turn

a blind eye" to applicants below 5ft 8in (report, December 9). That reminds me of the story of my great-uncle from Antrim who, at the start of World War One and as a very, very, young man, joined the Irish

He was only 5ft 3in but said that he lied about his height. Yours sincerely,

COLIN LOGUE. 14 Woodland Avenue, Lepton, Huddersfield HD8 0HZ December 9

Marriages

The marriage took place on

Saturday, December 13, in Pinner, Middlesex of Rick Nimmo, son

of Val and Dick Nimmo.

of Melbourne, Australia, and

Belinda Goldsmith, youngest

daughter of Carl and Margaret

Ramsay, of Petersfield and the late

Suzanne Pritchard, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Charles

Pritchard, of Chichester, West

Sussex. Canon Johnson officiated.

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Caroline Walson.

Goldsmith, of Pinner.

Mr A.D.L. Ramsay and Miss S.C.M. Pritchard

Mr R.A. Nimmo and Miss B.M.I. Goldsmith

SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a carol concert at the Guards Chapel. Wellington Barracks, in aid of Home-Start, at 6.30. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Dairon, Outword Round Trust.

will give a luncheon for the Outward Bound Patron's Com-pany, at Frogmore House, Windsor, at 12,45. The Prince of Wales, as president.

the Bach Choir, will host a carol concert at St James's Palace at 6.00; and as president. The Prince's Trust, will attend the film premiere of Spice, at The Empire. Leicester Square, at 8.00. The Princess Royal, as potron,

attend a meeting of the manage-

ment committee, 84 George Street, Edinburgh, at 11.00; and will open a new building at the Scotch Whisky research institute, new building at the Heriot-Watt University Research Park, Riccarton, Edinburgh, at

The Duke of Kent will visit Johnson Controls Automotive (United Kingdom), Oakham Business Park Mansfield, Not-tinghamshire, at 12.05; and Ericsson Orbitel Mobile Communications, Lawn Road, Carlton-in-Lindrick, Worksop, at L40. Princess Alexandra, as patron, will attend a "Celebration of Christmas" in aid of the Mental Health Foundation, at Guildhall, London, EC2, at 5.45.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Nero, 5th Roman Emperor AD54-68, Antium (Anzio), AD37: George Rommey. portrait painter, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire, 1734; Charles Cowden Clarke, critic, Enfield, Middlesex, 1787: Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, builder of the tow bearing his name, Dijon, 1832: Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903. Torchauz, Faeroe Islands, 1800; Josef Hoffmann, architect. Pirnitz. Czechoslov-akia, 1870; Maxwell Anderson, dramatist. Atlantic. Pennysivania.

DEATHS: Jan Vermeer, painter, Delfi. 1675; Isaac Walton, the Father of Angling". Winchester. 1683; George Hickes, theologian. 1715; Benjamin Stillingfleet. naturalist, London. 1771: Charles Stanhope, 3rd Earl Stanhope, politician and man of science.

Chevening, 1816; Georg Friedrich Grotelend, scholar, Frankfurt, 1853; Sir George Cayley, pioneer of aerudynamics, Scarborough, 1857; Sitting Bull, Chief of the Sioux, on Grand River, South Dakota, 1890; Gregory Rasputin, monk, favourite at the Russian court, murdered, St Petersburg, 1916; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist. Nobel laureate 1945, Zurich. 1958; Charles Laughton, actor, Hollywood, 1962; Walt Disney, animation cartoonist and film producer, Los Angeles, 1966.

The remains of Napoleon Bonaparte were deposited in Les Invalides, Paris, 1840, Nylon yarn was first produced commercially. Delaware, 1939. The Canadian Partiament adopted the maple leaf as the official symbol for the national flag. 1964.

Nature notes

In the bare treetops, great spotted woodpeckers tap at dead branches to get at insects, and pick them up with their sticky tongues. The brilliant scarlet patch under their

among the dark twigs. Flocks of young magpies chatter together among the boughs. weighing up possible

spring. Redpolls have spread

Lesser redpoli through most of the country for the winter they are small. linnet-like birds with a red forehead, and are found mostly in birch and alder trees. though they will also come down to eat the seeds lingering on rosebay willow-herb. They fly fast and high, making a sharp twitter. On clear,

frosty mornings there is often a burst of song in gardens from great tits and starlings. Many ash trees are clothed in dangling bunches of brown seeds or "keys", which take on

an orange glow in the sunset. The ash buds that will become next year's leaves are like black claws. Maidenhair fern can be found on some walls: each

leaf is like a cluster of small, pale green fans. A few buttercups are still in

flower here and there in sheltered ditches. Two books by Derwent May, based on his Times articles, are published by Robson Books. Feather Reports. illustrated by Robin Jacques (El2.95, by kingson boths: reamer reports: illustrated by Robin Jacques (EL2.95, hardback). and The New Times Nature Diary, Binstrated by Richard Blake (£6.99, paperback).

Birthdays today

Mr David Abell, former chairman and chief executive, Suter, 55: Mrs Valerie Aggett, former Principal. Holborn Law College, 47: Mr Michael Bogdanov, theatre direc-tor, 59: Mr Clive Brittain, race-horse trainer, 64: the Earl of Buckinghamshire, 53: Dr S.A. Checkley, psychiatrist, 52; Professor Ivor Crewe, Vice-Chancellor, Essex University, 52: Lord Croham, 80: Mr Lanfranco Dettori, jockey, 27: Sir Graham Dorey, Bailiff of Guernsey, 65; Air Marshal Sir John Fitzpatrick, 68; Miss Ida Haendel, violinist, 73; Sir Henry Hardman, former civil servant, 92; Mr Don Johnson, actor, 48; Mr Joe Jordan, footballer 46; General Sir Frank Kitson, 71; Miss Henrietta Knight, racehorse trainer. 51; Deaconess Dr Una Kroll, writer and broadcaster, 72; Mr David McMurray, Head-master, Oundle School, 60; Mr Oscar Niemeyer, architect, 90; Miss Edna O'Brien, writer, 61; Mr Brian Roper, Vice-Chancellor and chief executive, University of North London, 48; Commandant Anne Spencer, former director, WRNS, SE, Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas, FRS, Master, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 65; Profes-sor M.H.F. Wilkins, FRS, biophysicist, 81.

Forces appointments Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Commodore: K.J.C. Day — Fosm Nwood HQ 26.3.98: P.C. Wykeham-Martin — Staff of 25L/CNH 25.3.98. Captain: R. St.J.S. Bishop — SA The Hague 13.3.98. .. unni-colonel: R G T Lane — HQRM 5.6.98.
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— SPAPIO MILIERMALI 24.11.07; A - SRAPID M. 43-11.97; A H C Dyer-Pern Vacina - CEN DEF STAFF, 24-11.97; G A Jerny - CAMBERLEY, 1,12.97; P A Cunningham - M.F. ALDERGROVE, 1,12.97; S G FOOTE - JSCSC BRACKNELL 1,2.97; M WURINS -MOD APD/DIFS, 2,12.97; T P Dean -RAF LOCKING, B. 12.97; J O Bates - D POLICS, 8,12.97.

Retirements Group captain: 1 B Tiwari, 2.12.97.
Wing commander: D F W Ackroyd,
4.12.97.

Latest wills

Hilda Mahel Blyts, of London SW3, Fillion Madrie Gryne, Of Lottoon 90%. left estate valued at £3,026,699 net. She left £25,000 to the RNLI for the upkeep of lifebooks in Corrowall and the tistes of Scilly, and to the institute of Cancer Research, Royal Hospital, London; and £3,000 to King Edward W19 Hospital for Officers.

> Horace Fred Hobbs, of Evercret Somerset, left estate valued at E3,156,268 net, the left E10,000 to Cancer Research and to Parkinson's Disease Society: 15,000 to All Saluts' church, Downhead, and to Dean Methodist drurch, Shepon skallet.

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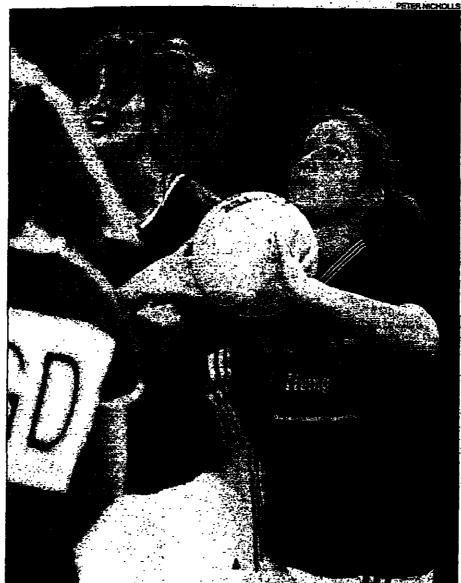
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Patsy Palmer, right, the EastEnders actress, during a charity netball tournament in aid of breast cancer at Crystal Palace sports centre in South London yesterday

Archaeology

The right approach to Stonehenge

By Norman Hammond ARCHAEOLOGY

STONEHENGE will remain a mystery until we approach it in the right way. Even the new northern access route does not allow us to see the monument as its builders intended, a ing British prehistorian claims.

"Understanding Stonehenge involves looking for clues about how access into the building was controlled." Dr John Barrett says. "The key lies in the monument's approach, from the northeast along an avenue defined by a double line of bank and disch. This runs straight towards the stones from the dry valley of Stone-

"If you walk along it up the slope of the valley side, something remark-able happens," Dr Barrett says in British Archaeology. "Initially Stone-henge is almost out of view, but, as you proceed, the monument immediately occuries, indeed domiproceed, the monument ediately occupies, indeed domirates, the skyline. From this position it is possible to recognise from the perspective of the building and from

perspective of the building and from the different heights of the stones the logic of what lies before you." logic of what lies before you."

The "Heel Stone", today on the edge of the A344, was once part of a massive portal, leading into the earthwork circle, or henge, within which the great stone circles stand. The outer ring had a continuous lintel, acting "as a barrier or screen through which there is no obvious support De Records earth." entrance gap". Dr Barrett says. The line up the avenue projects an entry point, however, as do the towering trilithous of the inner circle, visible even from afar.

"Without ever passing between the portal stones, the building has revealed something of itself — a series of enclosed spaces, the inner of which faces our mutarist those who exfaces our nowards those who ap-proach," Dr Barrett says. "Inside, the area is small, the stones set close-together, and the feeling one of restriction, with onward progress impossible. The only option is to turn and look back the way you have come. Around the time of mid-summer those who moved up the avenue had walked towards the dying of the sum by turning east-wards a new dawn could be observed.

Those few — the centre of Stone-henge cannot contain many people — night have seen themselves as occupying a point about which the heavens and the seasons turned, the revers and ute season tarred, more very centre of a sacred landscape," Dr. Barrett suggests. "Stonehenge slowly reveals an order which is only finally experienced by entering the circle itself."

Visitors are denied this experience-even the new Larkhill access route will bring them in too far uphill and to the west. Closure of the A344, with a footpath descending into the valley then rising to meet the stones them-selves rising from the earth, is the only way to grasp the secret of the builders' intentions. Visitors are denied this experience Source: British Archaeology 2989.

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Forthcoming

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr Paul Burnand, of Cambridge Place. London, and Mrs Fiona Hancock. of Marriage Farm, Wye, Kent, and

The marriage took place on Mr T. Cassan and Miss S.L.D. Nathan Saturday, December 13, 1997, at The engagement is announced St Mary's Parish Church. Funtington of Mr Adam Ramsay. between Terence, grandson of Mrs. M.E.P. Finch, of Orpington, Kent. yourneer son of Commander David Mrs Jane Ramsay, to Miss

Hartfield, Sussex and Miss A.C. Larard between Sam, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Elworthy, of Loule,

Miss Genuna Rowntree, Charlotte-Watson and Henry Stroud, Mr Christopher, Ramsay was best A reception was held at the Members enclosure. Goodwood. and the honeymoon is being spent

Charles Malden There will be a memorial concert to celebrate the life and work of Charles Malden on Saturday. February 14. in the Malden Theatre, Windlesham House, Sussex. If you wish to attend. please contact Mrs Judy Moody-Stuart before January 15 at 9 Gun House, 122 Wapping High Street, London El 9NE. Tel: 0171 702 4456. Details of the Charles Malden Memorial Fund can also be

obtained from Mrs Moody-Stuart.

Bradfield College Term ended at Bradfield College on Thursday, December 11. Lady Ryder and Mrs Patience Thomson have been elected to the Council, At its meeting on December 3 the Council agreed to the development of a new boarding house for first year boys to open in September 1999, and, in concert with the Lawn Tennis Association and the English Sports Council, to the building of an Indoor Tennis Centre. On January I, 1998, Mr John Rees succeeds Mr Julian

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GIOVANNI AGNELLI

Giovanni Aguelli, heir to the Fiat empire, died on December 13 from intestinal cancer aged 33. He was born on April 19,

The Agnelli family enjoys a remarkable place in Italian public life, being enormously rich, powerful and glamorous, but also popular. Its in-terests range from the Juventos football team to mineral water, brewing, cement, munitions, food, tourism, textiles and financial services, as well as the production of Ferraris, Alfa Romeos, Lancias and Fiats. This empire is said to account for more than 5 per cent of Italy's economy.

The young Giovanni, neph-ew of the 76-year-old Gianni, the present patriarch, might easily have succumbed to the temptations that beguile younger members of other super-rich dynasties, but instead he spent his time preparing to take charge of the £35 billion conglomerate. He was expected to take over next year, until he was struck by cancer. He was married little more than a year ago and his daughter is only three months old.

Though publicity-shy, he inherited the classic Agnelli panache of his buccaneering uncle Gianni, and his personal popularity did much to restore the faith of Italians in an industrial class deeply discredited by the corruption scandal known as tangentopoli (bribe city)

which erupted in 1992. It was in that year that Gianni announced his decision to step down as chairman of Flat, preparing the way for a planned succession that had already been troubling him for a decade. His own restless son, Edoardo, had shown more interest in Eastern philosophy than in producing cars, and in 1986 Cesare Romiti, then the company's chief executive, said "Edoardo has no role in any part of Frat". From then on it was assumed that Giovanni would gradually take control.

Giovanni Alberto Agnelli was the son of Gianni's younger brother. Umberto, and of Antonella Bechi Piaggio, the owner of the Piaggio aircraft and scooter company. Discretion is much prized in the , and much of the early life of Giovannino, as he was diminutively known, was clouded in secrecy. He attended the Instituto San Giuseppe



in Turin, which was run by Roman Catholic monks and where his father had also been a pupil. His parents were divorced

when he was still a child, and his mother married Count Uberto Visconti di Modrone, taking Giovanni with her to live in the United States. He completed his schooling at the McCallie Academy in Tennessee and went on to study politics and economics at Brown University. His future Anglo-American wife, Avery Francis Howe, was also a student there, but they did not meet until later, at a meeting of alumni in London.

Giovanni returned to live in Italy and did his military service in the elite parachute regiment of the Carabinieri. Italy's paramilitary police force. After two months at officer training school in Turin, he made his first jumps while stationed at the Pisa frontline duty on the southern

island of Pantalleria in the summer of 1986, when Libya caused alarm by firing a missile at the Italian coast. He once said he would have pursued a military career if it were not for his family destiny, and he agreed to model for a

recruitment poster.
That destiny made him the object of much media interest. and an American women's magazine described him as "too beautiful to be true". His own attitude was touchingly modest. There is not much to say about me," he told an interviewer from La Repubblica. "They taught me that one should appear in the newspapers only twice: when one is born and when one

But in the debonair tradition of his uncle's youthful days on the French Riviera, he had many love affairs, and the gossip columnists wrote reverentially about a man they cast airbase. He volunteered for as an alpha Romeo. His bestknown girlfriends included

the actresses Antonella Interlenghi and Domiziano Giordano, the sisters Albiera and Alessia Antinori from the aristocratic Tuscan wine-growing Antinori family, and the Turin aristocrat Laura Avogrado di Collobiano. Imaginative re-porters claimed that he had flirtations with Cindy Crawford and several others.

Like his unde, Giovanni distinguished his elegance by some eccentric habits. While Gianni's trademark is to wear his wristwatch over his shirt cuff, his nephew always left his cufflinks unfastened. He admitted he had few

male friends, but as a fan of the family soccer team Juventus he enjoyed the camaraderie of its French player Michel Platini. Another friend, from their days in the Carabinieri, was Alberto Tomba, the Italian skiing champion.

After university, Giovanni spent two months working under an assumed name as a factory employee on a Fiat car

assembly line at the Mirafiori plant, seeing the business from the lathe-operator's point of view. After a spell as a trainee with IBM in America. and a brief period with S G Warburg, he switched to learn about business in his mother's company, Piaggio, working first in its Madrid subsidiary and subsequently becoming chairman of the firm at its headquarters in Pontedera, near Pisa, where he lived in a magnificent 16th-century villa.

He proved his ability by turning round the company, which makes the whining Vespa scooters beloved of Italian youths. He was credited with turning a £12 million loss into a £20 million profit in three years, by overcoming the hostility of trade union leaders and finding new markets for the scooters in Asia

His uncle's public announcement three years ago that Giovanni would take the reins at Fiat was seen as a shrewd move. Italy was going through a turbulent period, and questions were being asked about one man wielding so much power. The corrup-tion scandal had not left Fiat unscathed. A judge was inves-tigating alleged involvement in bribery by executives of a Fiat-controlled construction company, and Giovanni's reputation for honesty proved useful in polishing up a com-pany image that had become rather tarnished.

Italians were impressed by him and his integrity, and they applauded his discreet wedding in 1996 to Avery Howe, the daughter of Sally Metcalfe. the interior designer, and Ralph Howe, an American golf champion.

Giovanni soon began to develop his ideas about the future of Italian industry, calling publicly for the country to develop a form of capitalism that "was more transparent, more subject to market forces". Rumours were reported that he had decided to challenge the executive Cesare Romiti over some questions of company strategy.

The discovery this year that Giovanni was suffering from a rare intestinal cancer threw open the succession problem once again. Giovanni disclosed the illness himself in a courageous interview with the Agnelli-controlled newspaper La Stampa

He is survived by his wife and their daughter. Virginia Asia, who was born on September 16.

ERIC STARLING



Captain Eric Starling, former Flight Manager, Scotland, for British European Airways, died on November 15 aged 85. He was born in London on November 28, 1911.

DURING 40 years in aviation, Eric Starling logged 12,548 hours of flying on 45 different types of aircraft. His career took him from seat-ofthe-pants flying, in biplanes without radios or navigation aids, to the gas-turbine era.

Between the wars he led the small band of airline pilots who pioneered air services to the remoter parts of Scotland and the northern isles, and he returned as chief pilot and flight manager in Scotland when BEA was formed in 1947. He remained with BEA for more than 20 years, ending up as its most senior pilot.

in between, he had a good war in RAF Coastal Command, flying anti-submarine and later air-sea rescue missions in Wellingtons, Warwicks and Liberators, from bases in Northern Ireland. Iceland, Egypt and India. Eric Allen Starling was

educated at Bishop's Stortford College, from where he went as an apprentice to the Redwing Aircraft factory at Croydon. He learnt to fly in 1931 but two years later, on a night flight from Croydon to Lympne to qualify for his commercial "B" licence, he completely lost his way. With fuel running perilously low, he found himself over a town he did not recognise and At 55mph he made a successful touchdown in what turned out to be the Boulevard des Alliés, Calais. In the mist, he had been completely unaware that he had crossed the Chan-

nel. He and his aircraft made

the return journey by ship.

This was embarrassing, but had a positive spin-off. A short time afterwards at Gatwick (then a small private aerodrome) he was buttonholed by the wealthy, eccentric future Tory MP, Eric Gander Dower, who asked him if he was "the ass who landed in Calais last week". When Starling confessed that he was, Gander Dower replied: "Well, you're as mad as I am. I'm going to start an airline in

Aberdeen. Come and join me."

So began Starling's career

as a commercial pilot for Gander Dower's Aberdeen Airways, off a small grass strip at Dyce. He flew a variety of services to Glasgow and Orkney, as well as to the Shetland Islands, in the biplane DH Dragon, staple of many air services in those days, and the monoplane Short Scion. There was also, from 1937, a pioneering service from Newcastle to Stavanger, in Norway, although this could not operate in some of the ferocious winter conditions over the North Sea. Commercial airlines were quixotic operations at the time, and huge losses were stoically

borne by Gander Dower. Starling stayed with Aberdeen Airways until his marriage in January 1939, when he moved south to Sywell, North-

instructor. In the earlier stages of the war he flew Wellingtons on convoy escort duties over the Atlantic, depth-charging a German U-boat on one occasion in October 1941 and being

credited with a "probable" kill. In January 1942 his squadron was sent out to Egypt, from where it flew reconnaissance missions to locate Axis shipping supplying Rommel's Afrika Korps, radioing back co-ordinates onto which RAF torpedo bombers could be vectored.

Returning to Britain, he was given command of a squadron of Warwick air-sea rescue aircraft (an enlarged form of the Wellington), which he subsequently took out to India. For the rest of the war he flew on search and rescue missions in the vast expanses of the Pacific, where the Warwicks were very soon replaced by American B24 Liberators with their vastly superior range.

After demobilisation, Starling moved north again, this time to Scottish Airways, run by Edmund Fresson, who had been Gander Dower's chief competitor before the war. For Scottish Airways, Starling flew Dragon Rapide services from Inverness to Orkney and

Shetland. But from 1947 onwards. Scotland's small private airways were squeezed by the state-owned BEA, and Starling was recruited as flight captain, Scotland, for the new airline. From the mid-1950s he was captaining jet-prop Viscounts on BEA's Rome, Athens and Istanbul routes. But by 1968 he was finding it difficult to pass routine intensive flying checks because. with responsibility for 60 other pilots, he was obliged to spend too much time behind a desk and not enough on the flightdeck.

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So for the final years of his career he gratefully returned to a flying intensive job as an air-ambulance pilot, flying Heron aircraft throughout the Highlands and Islands. His last flight, in October 1971, was to Islay, to collect two expectant mothers and bring them back to hospital in Glasgow. On that occasion an in-flight birth was only narrowly avoided.

Eric Starling was a fine pilot and a wonderful trainer of pilots. Many current captains with British Airways owe much of what they know to his tuition.

Starling's wife Eleanor died elected to put down in one of amptonshire, to take up the in 1981. He is stirvived by two its well-lit but deserted streets. more secure job of RAF flying daughters and a son.

LEONARD COOPER

Leonard Cooper, novelist and biographer. died on December 8 aged 97. He was born on December 5, 1900.

THOUGH born in Cheshire, Leonard Cooper was of Yorkshire stock. His grandfather and father successively controlled the family firm of Leonard Cooper Ltd. structural steel manufacturers in Leeds. His father had won a soccer Blue at Oxford as a goalkeeper. He was oft oin tall and it was said that he could put his hand over the crossbar and scratch his head. Before the First World War he was a prominent player for the Corinthian

His son, another Leonard Cooper. was educated at Radley and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he read Mods and Greats. He began his commercial life at the family steelworks and hated it. With the encouragement of his sister, Lettice Cooper, he, therefore, took up instead a writing career.

Too young to have served in the First World War, he was deemed too old for the Second, although in the years between he had been an enthusiastic TA soldier with the 4th Battalion, The Yorkshire Light Infantry.

In the Second World War, after the Fall of France, he became a commander of the Home Guard in his Yorkshire village of Settle. He used to say that they made Captain Mainwaring's company in Dad's Army look professional. At this time Cooper was working for a limestone company called Settle Limes.

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An unfortunate libel suit, arising out of an early novel. combined with the coming of the war, caused him to temporally to give up his literary ambitions, despite the critical success

in the 1920s of two historical novels about Napoleon. The Iron Cage and Little Island, both published by Hodder & Stoughton. Later he turned to writing biographies, which included

Radical Jack: A Life of the First Earl of Durham, which was a modest success, as was his life of Havelock and an excellent biography of R. S. Surtees, the creator of Jorrocks. He also wrote Wellington and his Times, A History of the British Regular Cavalry and a short history of The Yorkshire Light Infantry in the series edited by General Sir Brian Horrocks. Later he wrote a couple of thrillers.

An accomplished cricketer, a very talented musician and a considerable wit, he was perhaps overshadowed by the success of his sister, Lettice, whose own novel-writing career went from strength to strength. This did not, however, diminish his affection for her and his other sister. Barbara, also a novelist.

He lived in Long Preston in Yorkshire for nearly 40 years, and for much of that time was organist of the parish church. He was not popular with all of his vicars - not least because of his habit of pressing the button to start up the organ for the last hymn if he thought their sermons were going on too long.

For many years he worked for the Canada Life Assurance Company in Leeds, which he loathed, and unfortunately by the time he retired he had lost the will or energy to write.
His later years, after the death of his

wife, Stella, 15 years ago, were spent in gentle retirement in the house of his daughter, Rosemary, near Coltishall in Norfolk. He is survived by her and by two sons - Leo, the publisher, and John, the chief education officer of the National Portrait Gallery.

EDWARD BICKERSTETH

former member of the Sudan Political Service, died on December 10 aged 82. He was born on April 27, 1915.

TED BICKERSTETH, as he was known to his friends, was born into a family with a remarkable tradition of service to the Church of England. His younger brother John, Bishop of Bath and Wells from 1975 to 1987, represented the fifth generation of the Bickersteth family to be ordained. His father, Canon Monier Bickersteth, was for many years secretary to the Jerusalem and the East

Mission.

By temperament and talent, Edward Jelf Bickersteth was fully qualified to follow in his forebears footsteps by taking Holy Orders. Instead, he dedicated himself to a career in the Colonial Service. He was educated at Haileybury and Christ Church, Oxford, and in 1936, after two testing and sometimes dangerous years in Palestine as ADC to the High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael, he entered the Sudan Political

Service. From the start, his openness and good humour endeared him to the Sudanese, and he became a very successful district commissioner. In 1940, on



home leave at the time of Dunkirk, he tried to join the British Army but the Sudan Political Service would not release him. A year later he volunteered for the Sudan Defence Force and served for two and a half years as a bimbashi (major) in the Equatorial Corps fighting in Abyssinia.

His war service did nothing to hold back his career, and he was promoted to deputy governor of Khartoum at the early age of 43. However, his prospects were shattered when Sudan became independent and the Sudan Political Service was wound up. He

welcomed the consequent advance for his Sudanese friends and bore his own misfortune stoically, never giving way to complaint or recrimination. He was asked to stay on by

the new Government but decided, rightly or wrongly, to return home to make a new career in industry. He joined Reckitt & Colman in Hull, and although this was not work for which his abilities best suited him, he stuck to it loyally, was well liked and ended up as an overseas director of the

company. Bickersteth was an active member of the Royal Commonwealth Society, serving for many years as its treasurer and being always eagerly sought out by Sudanese visitors to this country. When he retired to a much-loved house in the Close at Salisbury, where he lived for 20 years, he was an assiduous steward at the cathedral, treasurer of the Salisbury and Wells Theological College, and a keen supporter of cathedral causes generally, serving for a time as acting chairman of the Cathedral Friends.

He expressed his Christian faith in a lifetime of disinterested work, and will be remembered for his loyalty, charm and good humour. He married Elspeth Cameron in 1947. He leaves his widow and three sons.

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The Rev Roger Arguile, Priest-in-Charge, St Neot's St Mary (Ely): to triange, si vest si vest y (say) so be Vicar, same benefice. The Rev Simon Burton-Jones, Cu-rate, Biggin Hill St Mark (Roch-ester): to be Priest-in-Charge. Rishonsworth (Bristol): NSM Curate, Cambridge St Mark (Ely). The Rev Ann Hadley, Vicar, Myddle and Broughton, and Lich-Bromley St Mary (same diocese). The Rev Stephen Conway, Vicar. Cockerton (Durham): to be Senior field Diocesan Vocations Advisers to be also Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral. Chaplain, and Press and Communications Officer to the

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mission to officiate (Winchester): to be NSM Assistant Curate, Colby Christ Church (same diocese). The Rev Capt Ross Northing, CA, Assistant Curate, Up Hatherley St Philip and St James (Gloucester): to be Vicar, Stony Stratford St Mary and St Giles, and Calverton All Saints' (Oxford).

The Rev Timothy West, Team Rector, Melbury (Salisbury): to be Team Rector, Preston w Sutton Poyntz and Osmington w Poxwell (same diocese). The Rev Rick White, Assistant Chaplain, Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust; to be Chap-

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The Rev David Young, Com-

(Lincoln): to be Assistant Com-munity Mental Health Chaplain, and licensed general preacher (same diocese). The Rev Carolyn Zotov, Assistan

Curate, Ingham w Cammering-ham w Fillingham (Lincoln): to be Assistant Curate, The Lincoln Minster Group. Retirenaents & resignations The Rev Peter Blackburn, Chap-

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The Rev John Fagan, Priest-in-Charge, Stornall (Lichfield), renred September 30. The Rev Canon Gerald Kaye, Vicar, Slough St Paul (Oxford), retired November 30. The Rev Gordon Murray, Rector. Walworth St Peter (Southwark), to

Other appointments Lieutenant-Colonel John Darlington to be a Lay Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

resign January 13.

THE TREATMENT OF CANCER.

The Bradshaw lecture was delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons by Mr. Edmund Owen, vice-president of the college, who took for his subject Cancer, its Treatment by Modern Methods."

After paying a tribute to the late Mr. Bradshaw,

in whose memory the lectureship was founded by his widow, Mr. Owen began his remarks with an absolute statement that in the present state of medical and surgical knowledge and experience the only way in which the cure of a cancer could be by operation. When a surgeon had made up his mind that a growth was malignant, and that it could and ought to be removed, he should lose no time. In spite of its unfortuante associations he ventured to apply the quotation — "If it were done, when "its done, then 'twere well

It were done quickly."

The surgeon would probably be asked forthwith as to the nature of the operation advised, and this question night possibly be followed by the rejoinder that in no circumstances would consent rejoinder that in no circumstances would consent be given to an operation by the knife. And so it came about that a surgeon was sometimes inwillingly led to discuss the problem of treatment by X-rays or by some other method based upon electricity when his opinion was that reliance ought not to be placed on anything short of a curting operation. Thus to fall in with a patient's wish was not kindness. No surgeon in a desire to lessen mental distress or allay the dread

ON THIS DAY

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More than 90 years ago, giving a lecture on "Cancer: Its Treatment by Modern Methods", the lecturer admitted that radical surgery seemed the best option and even then no cure could be promised

which a patinet might have of a aumour being removed by the knile should be led to consent to his or her dailying with any problematical scheme of treatment. In the desire to try the effect of specious methods, patients might be led to waste time — and time was everything in the treatment of cancer. The public had apparently the idea that consenters in the invisible execution. of cancer. The public had apparently the idea that somewhere in the invisible spectrum, beyond the X-rays, they were to find certain "rays of hope"; and to these they clung with increasing tenacity when they learnt from the surgeon that, even if he were allowed to deal with a cancerous growth by a free cutting operation, he still was unable to promise a care. And, unfortunately, no operator could ever be justified in making such a promise. Treatment was unfortunately, not the same thing

as cure, and the most effectual treatment for cancer, no menter how small it might be, was still removal by the knife. No measure was so trustworthy as this, and the great advantage it had over every other was that it enabled the surgeon to take away also the neighbouring lymphatics and the out-lying lymphatic glands. But all that the surgeon was at present justified in promising a patient was that he would "do his best."

After reviewing the modern survival menerture for

patient was that he would 'do nis nest."

After reviewing the modern surgical procedure for the thorough removal of malignant disease in certain sinations and incidentally drawing attention to the pioneer work of the late Sir William Banks in this direction, the lecturer proceeded to consider some other methods of treatment.

THE METHOD BY LOCAL STARVATION.

Dr. Dawbarn, of New York, had recently founded or bewalth of New York, has receive towards a method of treatment on the well-known fact that when a tissue is deprived of its needful supplies of blood it becomes degenerate, he described it as the "starvation operation for malignancy in the external caronid area," and modestly asked that it might be allowed the justice of a thorough study and trial, by which alone its corroboration or overthrow would be effected. Dr. Dawbarn seemed to be disappointed that so few surgeons had made trial of the method. But, insuruch as it name trial of the freehood. But, insamuch as in emailed a great demand upon the resources of the patient, as well as upon the determination and enterprise of the surgeon, there was small wonder if, on looking back, he saw but a few of his confrience following in his steps.

NEWS:

Robinson fails to silence critics

■ Geoffrey Robinson was fighting to save his ministerial career last night after John Prescott offered him only lukewarm support in the controversy over his financial affairs, prompting Conservative demands that he resign.

Mr Robinson's difficulties grew when Mr Prescott said that the Paymaster General had appeared to say "one thing [and]Pages 1, 2 perhaps done another"....

Trimble may meet Adams

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, raised the possibility of holding an unprecedented face-to-face meeting with Gerry Adams — an idea he once described as "repulsive". The move came after Republican rioters threw more than 1.000 petrol bombs at police during a night of violence in Londonderry ...

Benefits pressure Tony Blair was facing mounting

pressure to rule out cutting disability benefits amid warnings of growing opposition among Labour backbenchers... ...Page !

The Queen's money

The Queen has agreed that she will open up the account books and records of the Royal Household to the scrutiny for the first ..Page 2

Trawler raised

The trawler Sapphire, which sank with the loss of four crew more than ten weeks ago, was finally recovered from the seabed at the end of a troubled salvage operation

Leggings action

A 15-stone American businesswoman who says she was a victim of "sizeism" when she was thrown out of Harrods for wearing leggings she bought in the store is to sue for damagesPage 5

Cambridge thanks

The son of a fishmonger from the East End of London never forgot how a year at Cambridge put him on course for a successful business career. Now Dennis Gillings has become one of the university's Page 6 largest donors...

Class dream John Major's dream of a classless society remains just that, researchers commissioned by his

ranch, will begin their journey to the wild this week Page 10 France accused

Rhinos return

able in Britain ..

Date rape drug

Warnings are being sent to

schools about the number of teen-

age girls who are being sexually

attacked after being given "date

rape" drugs that are freely avail-

Sunjai and Chubagu, two young

black rhinos raised on a game

The chief prosecutor at the Bosnian war crimes tribunal in The Hague has accused France of allowing the southeast sector of Bosnia under its control to become a haven for indicted war

Iranian offer

In the most forthright call for better relations with the United States since the 1979 Islamic revolution, Iran's moderate new President said that he wanted to hold a dialogue..... Page 12

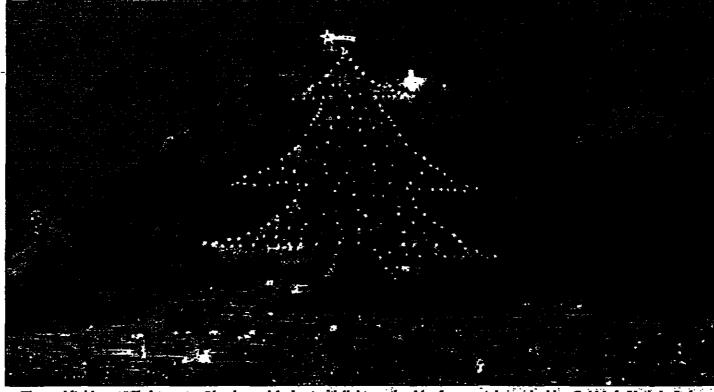
Bumpy European ride Britain's turn at the European Union presidency may be heading for a bumpy start next month after an ill-tempered summit in Luxembourg Page 13

Financial turmoil

Asia's financial turmoil hung over the start of the largest-ever regional summit amid warnings that there was no quick fix for the Government have found .. Page 7 crisis...

Facing the reality of Christmas

A boy's illusion of Christmas was shattered when he was hit in the face as he tried to unmask a supermarket Santa. Christopher Chantler, 8, was amazed to find Santa sitting in his grotto when he had just seen him less than a mile away in another shop. Santa said he had flown but the boy was not convinced and tried to pull off his whiskers



The world's biggest "Christmas tree" has been picked out with lights on the side of a mountain overlooking Gubbio in Umbria, Italy

BUSINESS

South Korea's central bank is poised for massive intervention in Asia's turbulent financial markets as the Government seeks to reassert control. .. Page 48

Disposal: Lonrho has agreed to sell Dutton-Forshaw, its UK car dealership business, for £105 million to a management buyout team backed by CVC Partners Page 48

Going going... Hundreds of senior auctioneers at Christie's, the international auction house, will share 15 million if a takeover approach by SBC Warburg, the merchant bank, is agreed Page 48

Pension shake-up: Howard Davies, chairman of the Financial Services Authority, today calls for an urgent review of Inland Revenue

Model pupil: It's the essence of schoolbov fantasy - a putative supermodel appearing at the sixthform ball. Yet few of the boys at the Wells Cathedral School will bat an eyelid when Olivia Inge, legs up to her armpits, 6ft in high heels, makes her entrance at their end-of-

....Page 16 the-year bash ... All change: The tweed-clad stalwart of the constituencies has gone. Moira Petty hails the arrival of the chic, independent, career-minded Conservative spouse

Present and correct: The giving of Christmas presents says a lot more about the relationship between giver and recipient than people think. Anjana Ahuja reports Page 15

Melvyn Bragg: "A slag heap is a high mound of waste material which accumulates over many years. The arts in Britain are full of them. If Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, is to shift them, he needs

Musical laughs: Welsh National Opera unveils an uproariously funny production of Monteverdi's The Coronation of Poppea......Page 18 Gay time: Julian Clary, the selfstyled "renowned homosexual",

brings a new show to the West End that is guaranteed to delight his _Page 19

Class act: The Old Vic's Christmas show, Slava's Snowshow, features superior clowning from Slava Polunin, and his fellow performer Angela de Castro..

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

ARTS Thirteen years and one billion dollars later. the Getty Center opens its doors to the public

■ LAW Should jury trial for complex fraud cases be scrapped?

from 3-1 down to force a draw with Derby County in yesterday's freeflowing FA Carling Premiership .. Page 28

Football: Bolton Wanderers came

Rugby union: Bath conceded 50 points in a league match for the time as they were crushed by Saracens, leaders of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, at Vicarage Road. ...Page 35

Cricket: England are virtually certain of a place in the final of the Champions Trophy in Sharjah after their convincing win over West Indies -

Winter Olympics: After a bronze medal in the European championships, the British curling team will be among the favourites for gold at the Winter Games in Japan in February.... ... Page 33 Swimming: James Hickman was

the British championships at Sheffield after breaking the two longest standing records.... ... Page 36 Racing: It will be a grey Christmas at Kempton if Senor El Betrutti, an impressive Cheltenham winner. lines up against One Man and

Suny Bay....

named outstanding competitor at

3, 4, 11, 14, 30, 32. Bonus: 46 Two tickets each woo £4,060,995; 13 won £192,236 for five balls and the homus: 903 won £1 729 for five halls: 56,826 won £60 for four balls; and

1,120,870 won £10 for three:

Preview: A bomb scare rocks the Adelphi: Hotel (BBC-I, 9.30pm) Review: MSS (Moronic Speech Syndrome) is the biggest risk of an awards programme, says Peter Pages 46, 47 Barnard.

Onshore trust The shift in emphasis between Geoffrey Robinson's position at the outset and the explanation now outlined is so stark as to call into

question his credibility Page 21 **Cutting by degrees**

Mr Blair has often spoken of his passion for education. Oxbridge will discover if he has an equivalent commitment to excellence . Page 21

Ho, ho, ho, slap

Everybody agrees that a small child excited by Christmas cannot be beat. Though if a stick is near to hand, the temptation can become almost irresistible.....Page 21

COLUMN ! WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Microsoft has developed the most powerful monopoly in human history, even more powerful than the monopoly John D. Rockefeller built in Standard Oil

PETER RIDDELL Don't put your daughter on the stage Mrs Worthington. Consider, instead, her becoming a Government inspector..... TONY BLAIR

The EU invitation to former Communist countries was a truly historic development which we will take . Page 20 forward.

Giovanni Agnelli; Eric Starling, BEA manager: Leonard Cooper. novelist: Edward Bickersteth, Sudan civil servant... . Page 23

Climate change; social exclusion unit; maintained schools; Labour and John Humphreys..... Page 21

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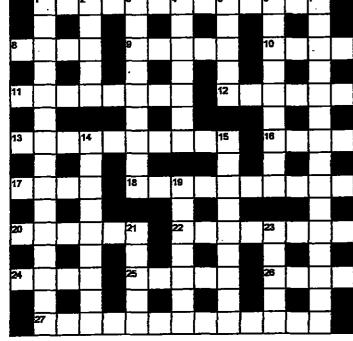
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Luxembourg agreed a timetable for enlargement. Germany wants it mto proceed as rapidly as possible to bring in its Central European neighbours. Italy wants internal reform before enlargement proceeds. Germany is driven by electoral considerations while the rest seem uncertain how to move for-

- La Stampa, Turin

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,663



ACROSS

- 1 Embarrassing, dancing without partner? Sure thing! (13). 8 Terribly sweet, with no end of
- daintiness? (4). 9 Economically treat novel hero introduced in second page (5).
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- 17 Dwelling in these mills (4). 18 Rider on Oriental expedition galloped across island (10). Familiar member of society (6).
- old plane, perhaps (8).
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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,662 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

- 25 Papal diadem represented by retiring Italian painter (5).
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- culture can thrive (9). 7 A poulterer wouldn't spill the beans like this (4,3,4,4).
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HOURS OF DARKNESS





much colder than the temperature would suggest. Cloudy with light showers, turning to snow in East Anglie, SE England and the Midlands Wales, NW western Scotland and N Ireland mainly dry. Eastern Scotland and cloudy with light showers near coast. Tonight, very cold with a widespread frost. England and Wales will have light snow showers. Northern Ireland and Scotland will have a law clear spells, but east facing coasts will have winthy showers.

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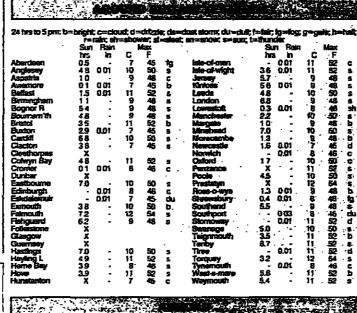
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In Ireland: Suriny spells, but becoming
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southeasterly wind. Max 7C (45F).

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spells in west and north. Fresh, locally shorig,
bringly cold E or SE wind. Max 10C (50F).

Outlook: Very cold with overnight frosts.
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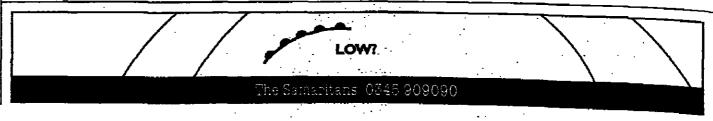


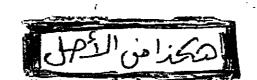


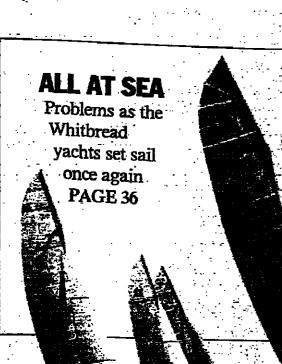
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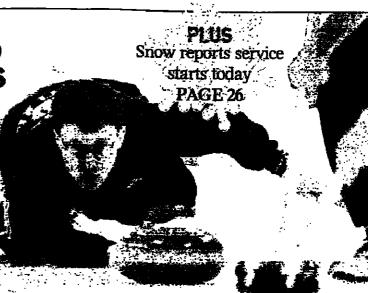
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Why Scotland eye Olympic curling success PAGE 33



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MONDAY DECEMBER 15 1997 ENGLAND STRIKERS HAVE GOALS TO ACHIEVE AT OLD TRAFFORD

Shooting stars just waiting to shine

Rob Hughes compares Andy Cole and Stan Collymore, the £7-million

strikers at present experiencing contrasting fortunes in front of goal

winter? Over the weekend, the balance of lan Wright's mind again disturbed those hoping to trust him as a reliable alternative to Alan Shearer. The methods that Leeds Uniused against Chelsea should disturb anyone whoespouses fair play. And, not for the first time, we look to Old Trafford tonight to redefine the standards of our

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national game. Manchester United, irrefut-ably the best team in Britain, always have problems break-wring consistency out of his Manchester United, irrefutalways have problems break-ing down Asion Villa. This FA Carling Premiership fixture. gnalless over the past three meetings, is marked by stubbornness, by unyfelding resilience. Fine, but is there a predator of the night who can win this game - and use this stage to impress himself on Clenn Hoddle, the

coach? The contest could come down to a duel between the [7-million striker that Alex Ferguson got, and the 17-million man he really wanted. It was almost three years ago to the day that the

Bolton held United to win Leeds survive Forest fall . Lyane Truss

Manchester United manager saw Stan Collymore brush aside Gary Pallister and thrash home the first goal that United had conceded at Old Trafford that season.

Ferguson wanted that pow-

er, that arrogance, that finishing, but when Frank Clark, then Nottingham Forest manager, failed to return his three telephone calls. Ferguson turned to Andy Cole. From Cole's first goal for United against Villa at Old Trafford until now it has taken three long and questioning years for Cole to regain the speed of foot and the sureness of eye to score consistently. He is doing I now, picking the pockets of defenders without them even realising that he was behind

What is more, Hoddle cannot fail to notice the partnership made in Manchester --Cole feeding off the wiles of Teddy Sheringham. But. when Collymore was in the doldrums and it was unfashionable to put faith in him. Hoddle had said that, on his day. Stan is the man whose theer furce, whose audacity in

WHITHER the power and the striking with either foot from fury of England's World Cup any angle, almost any diswaiting to be harnessed.

There are myriad frustrations with these modern millionaire goalscorers. With Wright, with Cole, with Collymore the exhilarating periods are frequently darkened by mood swings that exasperate their managers and paymas-ters. Ferguson's forbearance with Cole has been exceptional but, having spent the money. striker, improve the all-round ability so that it is not all left to

impulse. Similarly, Brian Little, the Villa manager, has already gone through the phases of tea and sympathy, of home calls and private chats, trying to invest his own knowledge of takingly searching for the keys to whatever motivates the big

The efforts become almost demeaning. The managers cajole, encourage, beg players who, these days, do not come to the sport determined to make the best of themselves or their talent. I imagine that Ferguson's patience with Cole will be hardened by news that Marcello Salas, the Chile striker that he covets, appears to be spoken for by Parmalat.

The Italian dairy company owns Parma Football Club and spreads influential sponsorships far and wide around Latin America - and wordhas it that Salas will move from River Plate to Parma, when the time is right, for E18 million.

So, Cole and Collymore, at a mere £7 million apiece, are bargains. They are both midlanders, both speak more or less the language of English football. They are 26, not yet at the prime of athletic life, and proven under the physical stresses of England's league, the extremes of chimate.

But does anyone turn faster than Cole? His slender body seems to whiplash like a cobra when goals are on his mind. And does anyone, other than Ronaldo, the Brazilian, run through defenders with the juggernaut strength of Colly-

"Manchester United and Aston Villa are different planets," George Best observed at the weekend. Cole, by working doggedly to win over the team, and benefiting from the departure of Eric Cantona, who

disdained to give him the ball, is pleasing Planet United.

Goal power: while

scoring touch,

Cole is happy to have rediscovered his

Collymore remains a

brooding presence

Yet Collymore, who has the same agent as Cole, knows it could have been him. He knows that Villa Park, which he claims to be the ultimate place for him, is growing restless for his goals. Two for the season, against 15 for Cole, cannot simply be because the United man has the more creative team around him; Collymore's sinusitis or a spin-off from his muchpublicised love life.

Old Trafford awaits. United have scored 27 goals and Tonight represents the sort conceded four in eight unbeat-of challenge that turns him on en home league games this season, but when Collymore visited there three years ago, he thunderously smashed a defence that had not conceded one goal in nine consecutive victories. It comes through the UMBRO

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Since Nescastic United paid £1.75 million to acquire him from Bristol City in March 1993 the merits and goalsoning feats of ANDY COLE have been much debated. His 68 goals in 84 was gonnewing reals of the Perguson into a club record deal to bring him to rise United, where it has taken him time to find a co



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ris sesson with Southend United brought STAN COLLYMORE 2 £2 n Nothingham Forest in Joly 1993 and he continued his rich goalscoring form at the City Ground

Before moving to Liverpool for £8.5 million two years later. where the goals have so far been in short supply. Chab (dates) Cristal Palade (1991-2) Southerd Utd (1992-3) Noten Forest (1993-5) £7aı



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France salutes king of the mountains

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN VAL DISERE

THERE is a perceptible buzz on the mountain when Alberto Tomba is in action. It was there soon after breakfast yesterday and it was there again in the early afternoon. when the Italian sought to win the first giant slalom of the Alpine skiing season here.

They really do shout *Tomba, la Bomba*", when he skis. It begins the moment he throws himself out of the starting gate like a rugby forward on the rampage. At is flashed on the giant screen at the bottom of the run. Then it gets louder when he hoves into view in a gap in the trees. little more than a speck at first.

The French reserve the most vibrant ringing of cowbells, sounding of horns and blowing of whistles for their own heroes, men like the recently retired Luc Alphand, but Tomba is a hero to all. His is the name on everyone's lips as he strains to regain fitness and form for the Winter Olympics in Japan in February. Besides, he is truly a giant in skiing today, a man-size personality to go with a man-size skill and a man-size ego.

A race of any sort was

something of a bonus for this French town after a European season that got off to a muchdelayed start last week. On Thursday, it was rain that stopped the racing: on Friday there was too much snow. By Saturday, the fog had de scended so that you could hardly see your hand in front of your face at the top of the mountain at the time that they wanted to start the men's downhill, though frustrating-

ly, the fog lifted soon after. Yesterday, though, could not have been better. It was a crystal clear, picture postcard sort of day, when the sky in the Alps was as blue as a mixture of the colours of Oxford and Cambridge. All around, the Alps shone as brightly as the silver in the mayoral parlour. How well Tomba would ski



Tomba, the veteran Italian who remains the most popular skier on the European circuit, displays his style on the slopes of Val d'Isère yesterday. Photograph: Armando Troyati

City was of concern to everyone, but for a small group of Britons there was as much interest in the performance of Alan Baxter. Baxter, a Scot who will be 24 on Boxing Day, is the first Briton to race in a giant slalom in many years and recently won a slalom race in the United States. He was only sixth-tenths of a second from earning a World Cup point at Park City.

Starting 65th in the morning

after skiing well in training. "I have been training well and skiing better than before," he said. "I'm hoping for a place in the top 30." So he was disappointed to come 58th, nearly four seconds behind Hermann Maier, of Austria, the leader at the halfway stage.

There were a couple of gates I messed up on early on," Baxter said, breathing hard and looking glum at the same time. I didn't set my

edges properly - 1 was too late. But my real mistake was here." He pointed at a pole back towards the last few gates. "I seemed to set my skis sideways and that was that. It was over," he said.

Tomba, the sounds of support ricocheting around the slopes as he made his way stylishly and powerfully down the mountain, came ninth in the morning run, a good result from his starting position. Then, as the sun dipped

behind a jagged mountain, a sense of anticipation began to build around the finish. Maier was the first skiler in

the morning and by setting the fastest time qualified to go last in the afternoon. Tomba was the 22nd to go on the second run and his aggregate time of 2min 31-25sec was good enough for second place, only for him to be pushed slowly down the order.

In the end he came eighth, a position that was liable to be

changed to ninth if Maier's disqualification for removing one ski prematurely after crossing the finishing line is overturned by the council of the International Ski Federation. The Austrian appealed immediately against the disqualification. "That is not bad," Tomba said. "I am happy. There is a lot of room

for improvement. I don't want to be in too good form at the moment. I want to be at my

Then he made a joke that his followers took as a sign of his good humour. The Italian word for ninth is none and the Italian for grandfather is nonno. Tomba, who will be 31 on Friday, regards himself as an old man at this game. "Not bad for a grandfather, was it? he joked as he retired to his room at a local hotel, where he would hold court like the king he is before returning home.

BASKETBALL

Amaechi applies the killer touch

By NICHOLAS HARLING

SUDDENLY, renewed talk of the Sheffield Sharks as tenders is not fanciful, thanks to two high-scoring contributions from John Amaechi.

On Saturday, the 6ft 10in England international scored 28 points in his team's 87-84 win against Thames Valley Tigers, to follow his opening haul of 30 points against Worthing Bears last week.

Midway through the second quarter, though, the Tigers were leading 42-27. They were still 49-39 ahead at half-time. Then Amaechi came to life, giving the Tigers' Tony Holley (20 points) John McCord (18) and Jason Siemon (13), who had dealt with Mark Robinson (23), Todd Cauthorn (10) and Michael Payne, something to think about.

Two three-pointers and a three-point play 34 seconds from time, inflicted a second home league defeat of the season on the Tigers. In both matches, they had led by 15 points. "I don't have any pretensions," Amaechi said. It's not as if I'm saying to them, You've got to give me the ball so I can score'. But they do that if I'm in the best position. We're a no-nonsense team and that suits me."

A millionaire after a year in the National Basketball Association with Cleveland Cavaliers and spells in Europe, Amaechi is donating his Sharks salary to the Joe Forber Centre of Excellence in Manchester.

Elsewhere, Danny Lewis collected 40 points to keep London Towers at the top with a 96-85 win in overtime at Derby Storm. The Birmingham Bullets, without the injured Nigel Lloyd and Tony Dorsey, overcame Newcastle Eagles 70-64. Reggie Kirk and H. L. Coleman each scored 25

Britain fail to reap dividend from their European travels

ATHLETICS: Great Britain endured a disappointing day at the European cross-country championships in Lisbon yesterday. The only medal success was provided by the junior women's team of Rebecca Wade (Bath), Amy Waterlow (Sale) and Louise Kelly (Barrow), who gained an unexpected bronze behind Germany and Yugoslavia. Dominic Bannister (Shaftesbury) was Britain's highest finisher in the senior men's race in seventeenth place, while Vikki McPherson (Glasgow) was eleventh in the senior women's event. Portugal retained the senior men's title, with Britain sixth, and France took the senior women's crown.

Second strike by Craig

■ CYCLING: Nick Craig, the British mountain bike champion, produced his second surprise victory yesterday in only five races to win the third round of the National Trophy cyclo-cross competition at Leicester. His success added to his victory three weeks ago in the London open championship, when he beat a high-class international field. Yesterday's race on a boggy course was Craig's first of the trophy series. Together with Barrie Clarke, British cyclo-cross champion, and Stuart Blunt, he set the pace from halfway.

Parnevik in the swing

E GOLF: Jesper Parnevik, of Sweden, won the Johnnie Walker Super Tour in Taiwan yesterday. The Europe Ryder Cup player finished the six-day event with a 12-under-par 276, four strokes clear of Nick Faldo. Lee Westwood and Andrew Coltart dominate the Australasian order of merit as the tour nears its halfway stage. Westwood heads the list with E90,000 and Coltart, who finished joint-second in the New Zealand Open in Auckland yesterday, is in second place.

Lloyd falls short

■ TENNIS: John Lloyd, of Great Britain, failed to win his first world over-35s tournament when he was beaten in the third-set tie-break by Jimmy Connors in the final of the Champions tournament in Sydney. Lloyd, the No 5 seed, won the first set 6-3, lost the second 6-2 and the third 10-7. Under the Champions tournament format, matches are the best-ofthree sets, but the third is played as a tie-break with the winner being the first player to take ten points.

SNOW REPORTS

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Source Ski Club of Great Britain, L. lower slopes; U. upper; ert. artificial

SNOOKER: PARROTT BROUGHT DOWN TO EARTH AFTER EUPHORIA OF BEATING THE WORLD CHAMPION

Higgins ready to pocket second German victory



Higgins: lacked fluency

FROM PHIL YATES IN BINGEN

JOHN HIGGINS, winner of the inaugural German Open 1995, was within four frames of capturing the title for the second time in three years when he established a 5-3 lead over John Parrott in the final here yesterday. Higgins, who defeated Ron-

nie O'Sullivan, the defending champion, 6-4 in the semifinals on Saturday, displayed little fluency but with Parrott also finding rhythm elusive. the Scot was able to get the better of a generally scrappy opening session.

for 15 minutes while an official rebrushed the table and applied a damp cloth to the playing surface to prevent the cueball picking up fibres from the With the intermission over.

Parrott, attempting to add Germany to the list of eight nations in which he has already won a tournament, enjoyed his most productive spell of the afternoon. Runs of 86 and 44 earned a 2-1 lead.

By winning a disjointed fourth frame. Higgins levelled at 2-2. Including his highest

break of the session, a modest

Considering the paucity of break-building opportunities afforded Parrott over the course of the previous hour. the 1991 world and United Kingdom champion deserved every credit for a run of 102 in the seventh frame during which he potted a succession of low-value colours and was required to manaeuvre the cue-ball all round the table.

Parrott, who has failed to lift a trophy since the European Open of March 1996, also held a 44-4 advantage in the eighth

He fluked the penultimate red, fluked the last red in escaping a snooker - as he had done in the fifth frame and eventually potted blue, pink and black conventionally to become favourite for the

£50,000 first prize.
It was a disappointing outcome to the session for Parrott, who had cued with such authority when recovering from a 4-3 deficit to beat Ken Doherty, the world champion,

6-4 in the other semi-final. In the closing three frames

After a first frame, won by 52, he also won the fifth and but Higgins fought back into of that match, Parrott, who Higgins, play was suspended moved 4-2 ahead by control-contention before two inde-has recently received technical ling a tactically-orientated pendent slices of good fortune assistance from Terry Grif-sixth. aided his cause. assistance from Terry Grif-fiths, outscored Doherty 274-10 after breaks of 85, 82

and 68. "Sometimes, you forget the basics and it helps to speak to people who know what they are talking about," Parrott said of Griffiths, the head of coaching for the game's gov-erning body, the World Profes-sional Billiards and Snooker Association. "Terry has got a wealth of experience and he explains things well."

FiNAL: J Higgins (Scot) leade J Parrott (Eng), S-3. Frame scores (Higgins first): 83-26, 1-82, 14-67, 69-21, 72-44, 57-27, 0-102, 59-48;

SQUASH

HOCKEY

Sharpe shoots Cannock to exciting victory

AT THE halfway stage of the National League, Cannock are six points clear at the top of the premier division, but their 3-2 victory at home yesterday over Old Loughtonians was not all plain sailing. Martin Gilbody, the Cannock manager, described the match as close, exciting and quite

Two late goals by Sharpe sealed victory for Cannock, who fell behind in the fourteenth minute when Rolfe put Old Loughtonians ahead. Organ levelled the score from a short corner four minutes later, but ten minutes into the second half Lee gave the visitors a 2-1 advantage. Canterbury's 6-3 home win By Sydney Friskin

marked by Hacker's hat-trick. achieved from two penalty strokes and a short corner. Mathews, from two short corners, and Kerly added to the score. Gibson, Welsh and Head replied for East Grinstead.

Southgate, with a match in hand, moved into third position on goal difference behind Canterbury and put recent disappointments behind them with a 43 home win against Beeston, the team that knocked them out of the EHA

Cup.
However, from the comfort of a 40 lead Southgate slumped into a desperate struggle for survival as

Beeston hit back strongly with a snap goal by Longden, a second half substitute, and two goals by Keegan from

At the start, everything went well for Southgate, Goals by Waugh, Simons and Attala from a penalty stroke put them 3-0 ahead by half-time and Sully added the fourth goal from a short corner seven minutes into the second half. Reading, the title-holders. moved up to fourth place with

a 7-3 victory at home over Doncaster after leading 4-1 at half-time. Ashdown and Slay scored two goals each and further goals were added by Pearn, Todd and Wyatt. Stoves. Moffett and Wood

Eastcote enjoy life at the top

naive and could learn a few

more skills," he said.

By CATHY HARRIS

Penalty corner goals by their leading marksman. Danny Geach, and John Curtis gave Eastcote a 2-1 cushion at half-time. Captain Adrian Carter made it 3-1 with a scrambled corner goal after the interval, but Bournemouth capitalised on a defensive blunder to pull one back.

With five points separating the top five teams, Winchester. the only team to have beaten Eastcote this year, had their hopes of closing the gap on the leaders dashed when their game against Old Whitgiftians was postponed because an umpire failed to turn up. Winchester captain and top goalscorer, Richard Jones, said that despite being forced to use four goalkeepers. he was happy going into Christmas lying fifth, and with a game in hand.

In the Hampshire-Surrey League, Epsom's crushing 7-0 victory over Portsmouth moved them within three points of Old Cranleighans. who suffered their first defeat - 4-3 at Andover. Two former Welsh internationals, David Knapp and Jon Rees, and England's Don Williams, who played for Great Britain in the 1992 Olympic Games, help make the Surrey dub promotion favourites.

BOXING

Rhodes puts trust in his youth

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE World Boxing Organis-ation middleweight championship proved a step too far for 21-year-old Ryan Rhodes in Sheffield... His dreams of becoming

the youngest postwar British world champion were shattered by Otis Grant, of Canada, whose experienced dis-play of controlled, efficient boxing earned him a unanimous points decision.

"I'll be back." Rhodes said. "I will be world champion — I'm only 2i. I thought I boxed well and got my second wind around the sixth or seventh and it could have gone either

it was undoubtedly

Rhodes's inexperience when compared with the 31-year-old Grant that told in the end. Henry Akinwande made a

successful return to the ring in Florida with an easy 12-round victory over Orlin Norris, of the United States, in a nontitle heavyweight bout. The 6ft 7in Akinwande

who was disqualified for excessive holding and for refusing to fight in his last bout, when he challenged Lennox Lewis for the World Boxing Council heavyweight title in July, made the most of his height and reach advantage: The Florida-based Briton was awarded the fight by all

three judges, despite a point deducted for holding. "I didn't hold him - he kept diving in under my arms and I tried to push him off." Akinwahde said.

England pairing cash in for gold

FROM COLIN McQUILLAN IN HONG KONG

ENGLAND'S gold-medal haul from world championships increased by one here yesterday, when Chris Walker and Mark Cairns defeated the Australia pairing of Dan Jen-sen and Craig Rowland 15-11, 15-13 in the final of the Pak Fah Yeow world doubles. Walker also took a silver

medal with Cassandra Jackman from the mixed doubles final, which they lost 15-10, 15-11 in 27 minutes to Jensen and Liz Irving, of Australia, while Jackman took the worn-en's silver medal with Sue Wright after losing 15-4, 15-12 to Leilani Joyce and Philippa Beams, of New Zealand. Walker also captained Eng-

land to a second men's World Team Squash gold medal in Kuala Lumpur last month, and both the men's and women's world junior titles are held by England.

This tournament was the first in a redesigned doubles format that the World Squash Federation expects to sweep through the game. Using new technology from the German ASB company, the Hong Kong Football Club installed four 21st singles courts with sliding side walls that, by pressing a button, converted to three 25ft-wide doubles courts. Sponsorship from the Hong Kong Jockey Club provided the world's first 25ft-wide demountable Perspex show-

The final rounds on the show court, where the ball holds up more in the shot, next time."

entranced spectators - something of a breakthrough for a game more addictive for

Walker, particularly, seems destined to become a star of the new game, which will be featured at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur next September. His inventive left-hand play and athletic exuberance translated perfectly to the left-hand wall of the doubles court and, in Cairns, he found the perfect steady and phlegmatic

Against an obdurate Pakistan pairing of Zuhair Jahan and Amjad Khan in the semifinals on Saturday, they played heavily on the more adept Amjad in the left-hand court until Zubair's concentration wandered, then fired in a demanding little shot that the senior opponent obligingly hit off-target.

Against the very good Australia pair yesterday, they attacked Rowland, having seen Jensen control the court to win the mixed doubles final with Irving.

Cairns, who has been dubbed by the Hong Kong press "Mark 6" after his HK\$52.000 (about £7,500) win on the Mark 6 lottery here in partnership with Wright last week, not surprisingly told the crowd: "I'll come back here anytime. It gets better with every visit, Now I am a rich world champion, I wonder what you are planning for me

England is debt to Ealhamis talents

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September return to Sharjah an ill-conceived venture

tion any aspect of the latest initiative by the International Cricket Council (ICC), a worthily perceived event designed exclusively to raise money for its development projects. In addressing one festering issue so positively, however, the ICC has not only ignored but amplified the warning strens of another.

A week ago, in Calcutta, the executive board of the ICC resolved that all nine Test-playing countries should gather in Sharjah in late September next year for a limitedovers tournament. It will be sponsored and played on a brief, knockout basis, the teams seeded eighth and ninth playing off before the quarter-finals.

The ICC, conscious of preserving the stature of the only one-day event of true significance, is downplaying any talk of it as a mini-World Cup, but the ritual yawns over one more gratuitous commer-. cial bunfight are in this instance stifled by the concept of all revenue going directly into development.

It is expected that several million pounds will be distributed to further the growth of the game in areas that are uninitiated or underfunded. The players will still receive fees — though some, dare it be thought, might donate them to the cause — and my concerns on their behalf are not financial but physical and mental.

Nobody can doubt the validity of this event. It is the type of exercise, compact and effective, that cricket should arguably have staged years ago to aid the aims of globalisation so important to a sport wishing to compete in the modern marketplace. It will occupy the players

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, says England's players have enough on their plates without another one-day tournament

concerned for no more than a formight, plus perhaps a week of preparation, and, viewed in isola-

tion, can only be applauded. I wonder, however, whether some of the England players at present in Sharjah, and now contemplating a return there nine months hence, feel so joyful about it. England are already embarking on the crazily cluttered cycle that, after it was last limpingly complet-ed, we were assured would never arise again. Four years on, here it is with knobs on.

On January 3, they embark on a 14-week tour of the West Indies. Three days after their return, the

domestic season begins, containing six Tests, six one-day internationals and the undiminished demands of the county season. A four-month trip to Australia, beginning in late October, was preceded by the one opportunity for a few weeks of rest. That has now been swallowed up by the Sharjah spectacular. England's senior cricketers will leave homes and families on January 2 and not see much of either for the next 13 months. This, of course, is what they are tolerably well paid to

the Test captains expressed unanimous concern over the volume of cricket being scheduled. They asked that the ICC, through its constituent boards, should consider imposing a maximum commitment each calendar year and suggested 12 Tests and 30 one-day games, still a heavy workload even for those nations where domestic cricket scarcely features.

This was subsequently relayed to each country for discussion but the matter received no more than a cursory mention at the Calcutta meeting last week. "No ultimatums are being delivered," David Richards, the chief executive, said. "The

captains did feel that players must sometimes have a couple of months off rather than just a couple of weeks but this a matter for further discussion."

Richards is delighted that the debate over a world Test-match championship — due for resolution next summer - has focused attention on long-term tour program-ming and the commercial motivation behind so much of it. He insisted, however, that central planning of international fixtures is not an option. "It will never be feasible as we must respect the sovereign right of individual countries.

This is a shame, for what could be better and more unifying than the creation of a balanced Testmatch schedule in which no country is asked to play too much and the smaller, aspiring nations, such given equitable shares?

Another proposal to emerge from the Calcutta meeting, the brainchild of the ICC president, Jagmohan Dalmiya, was the creation of a week in which the game would be busily promoted, worldwide.

It would be called Cricket Week and it could be worthwhile, if only it was possible to identify a single week in which everyone was willing or able to raise their heads from other commitments.

Before it is too late, which means pretty soon now, cricket must come to terms with its priority, quality or quantity. If greed dictates that itineraries swell with no central restraint, there will be few fit cricketers left to play and few motivated, discerning spectators to

Second successive Champions Trophy victory confirms touring team's impressive progress

do, so why should they complain?

Well; perhaps it is time someone

Earlier this year, a conference of

complained on their behalf.

England in debt to Ealham's talents

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SHARIAH

EVERY day and in every way, England's cricketers must be thinking, we are getting better and better. Victory against West Indies on Saturday gave them two wins out of two inthe Champions Trophy and virtually assured them of a Martin, the most affable of place in the final on Friday, even if they lose to Pakistan

Against India on Thursday the winning margin was tight, seven runs. West Indies, who lost two men to the first three balls of the day, bowled by Dougle Brown, were pushed over more comfortably. There were 4.1 overs to spare and four wickets in hand when Brown - "the brawny Scot", according to one local report ended the match with a bar in his hands.

The mood among the play-ers is so released and pleasingv confident that when Adam Hollioake, the captain, was called upon afterwards to answer some questions for the television audience, he managed to get in two words, "cosmopolitan" and "rhinoceros", selected by his teammates as a bit of a dare. Mark Ealham, he said, was "charging in like a rhinoceros Michael Holding, the interviewer, looked a bit puzzled, as: well he might.

There were plenty of good things to come out of the game, not least Brown's dismissal of Wallace, first ball, and Lara, the bowler's new captain at Warwickshire, who was leg-before two balls later. From nought for two. West Indies did reasonably well to make as many as 197 for seven, and the fact that Carl Hooper, who faced the fourth ball of the innings, completed his hundred off the last ball of their 50 overs, reveals how niggardly England's bowling

in no time at all, and with no recent cricket behind them, they have knitted together as a happy bunch. The three play-

ers yet to figure, Peter Martin. Ashley Giles and Ben Hollioake, are not walking round with long faces. Hollioake may get a game today, ahead of Ally Brown, and Giles could displace Robert Croft, but fellows, could go home next weekend without bowling a

The other good things on Saturday were the batting of Graham Thorpe, whose half-century steaded the ship when waters got a little chop-py, and the all-round reliabil-ity of the rhinoceros, whose performance is becoming a barometer of the team's wellbeing. Ealham took one for 28 with his intelligent mediumpacers, varying his pace in that familiar way, and then made 28 not out to see England home after their fifth wicket fell with 75 still needed.

Eatham does not consider himself to be only a one-day specialist, though he knows his performances in this kind of cricket initially brought him to people's attention. "Every time I play for England it is very enjoyable," he said. "I always felt that my best chance of playing international cricket was in the one-day game. It got me on the scene and gave me a launching pad,

if you like. Since then I've been fortunate enough to play at Test level and I must admit it's disappointing to have been left out at times. I missed the last two Tests last summer and was left out of the touring party (to West Indies), but there are plenty of goals left to

On the slow Sharjah pitches where the white hall loses its shine and hardness fairly quickly. Ealham's variation of pace and strictness of line have proved vital. Hollioake has also excelled. The slower ball is an essential part of his armoury, too, and he has plenty of them. In his hands



they are as various as wild flowers on Highland moors. In their remaining game, England could do with Graeme Hick finding some form, and Hollioake will not feel entirely happy until he is middling the ball as he can. Otherwise, everything in the garden is rosy. There is a distinct chance that England. who arrived here to no great fanfare, could end up winning the tournament.

If they do, it will strengthen David Graveney's hand. The chairman of selectors, who is here as tour manager, wants to name the one-day side that concludes the tour of the West indies with five internationals as soon as possible. A good show here should enable him

SCOREBOARD FROM SHARJAH

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P V Simmons c Croft b Hollicake 29	(25 balls, 3 tours)
(46 balls, 1 four) .	N V Knight c D Williams & Dillon
†D Williams run out (Stewart) 4	(30 balls)
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R N Lewis b Fleming 13	(54 balis, 2 tours)
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England won by four wickets tch award: C.L.Hooper Umpires: B C Coorey (Sri Lanka) and K T Francis (Sri Lanka), Third umpire: C J Mitchley (South Africa), Referee: P J P Compiled by Bill Frindell / Chairte

Elegant Saeed dashes final hope for India

PAKISTAN kept alive their chances of qualifying for the final of the Champions Trophy when they beat India by four wickets yesterday. A fine 104 by Saeed Anwar, their elegant left-handed opener. gave them the win they needed to stay in the competition. But India, who have lost both matches so far, cannot qualify even if they beat West Indies

To reach the final Pakistan must beat England today. It is a tall order because England, who have played disciplined cricket this week, are in good heart and have enjoyed the benefit of a day off between their matches. Pakistan, of course, are the great unpredictables and their need for a win will give an edge to the game.

Anwar, who made the highest score in one-day internationals, 194, earlier this year. sent the Pakistan element in a capacity crowd into a sustained spasm of delight as he began expansively and then shored up the innings. Together with Moin Khan, the wicketkeeper who plays mainly for his batting, he added 62 for the sixth wicket, and when he went they

short. India's batting let them down for the second time. Against England they could not lend Tendulkar the necessary support and yesterday.

when the captain failed, they could score only 96 runs from the last 20 overs. Ganguly and Sidhu were threatening to take the game away from Pakistan when three wickets went down for four runs. To heighten their distress it was the corpulent

Inzamam, who lumbers around the field like a polar bear and seems, if anything, to be putting on the pounds, whose catching and throwing did for them. Sidhu was run out when Inzamam returned the ball to

Moin, whose glovework is not always clean. It wasn't on this occasion and even after five minutes of television replays it was difficult to say with conviction that he had removed the bails before the batsman had made his ground. Peter Burge, the third umpire, de-

cided that he had. his first ball foolishly to square leg, where Moin trotted round to get his mitts underneath it, Tendulkar lasted only four balls. He gave his wicket away, pushing feebly to short mid-wicket where Inzamam held a diving catch and, after a landing that registered at least three points on the Richter

Scale, he wandered off hurt. It was left to Ganguly, with 90 hard-hit runs, to give India a decent score, though they should really have made 30 more. But when Pakistan lost their fourth wicket at 102, and even when Inzamam was out with 96 needed. India were back in the game. Anwar, going to his seventh hundred in Sharjah, closed the door emphatically and Moin, whose unbeaten 49 came from 50 balls, hit the winning runs with 17 balls to spare. The fevered atmosphere, which led to a five minute delay early in the Pakistan innings as water bottles were cleared from the outfield, had become a lot

SCOREBOARD

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Extras [b 8, w 6, nb 1] Total (6 wkts, 47.2 overs) Azher Mahmood, Saqiain Mushtaq and Agib Javed did not bat.

Agib Jayed did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-48, 2-79, 3-93, 4-102, 5-144, 6-226 BOWUNG. Smath 10-0-43-1, Kuruvilla 8-1-43-0; Chaultan 9-2-0-47-2; Kurnble 10-1-44-2, Genguly 7-0-39-1, Singh 3-0-Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indias) and C J Mitchley (South Alnoa)

Gough's patience brings its reward

FROM JOHN STERN IN CAPE TOWN

MICHAEL GOUGH, 17, a right-handed batsman from Durham, is one of the younger, quieter and more unassuming members of the England under-19 tour party, not prone to ostentation on or off

Yesterday, he batted for six minutes more than four hours and faced 199 balls in making 32 not out. Without his powers of concentration, patience and sound: technique, England would probably not have saved the first Test against South Africa. With them, however, they survived - just - after being bowled out for 256 in their second innings, following on

20 minutes before stumps. South Africa, after the ten minutes for the change of innings, had only two overs in which to score 39 runs to win and they fell 20 short

of their target.
As has been their wont on this tour so far, and in this match particularly. England gave wickets away at the most inopportune moments after resuming on 96 without loss. Stephen Peters, the Essex opening batsman, had played almost faultlessly in reaching 92 by lunch, but two balls into the afternoon session he was caught at the wicket and England were back in trouble at 176 for four. With Peters gone, the flow of runs dried up to the point where Gough and Giles Haywood had added nine in 15 overs for the

fifth wicket before the latter was caught behind for six. Two overs later, the 89th of the innings, Gough received his one life when he offered a regulation catch to second slip where Grant Elliott, who made 201 not out in his side's innings, put

At tea. England had four wickets intact and led by six runs. The England tail, as if following their instructions to the letter, batted for about half an hour each apart from Richard Logan, the No II, who lasted only two balls. By that stage, though, the mathematics were in the touring team's favour — 39 to win from two overs was too much to ask.

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Openers put Denmark on back foot

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN HYDERABAD

TWO innings of contrasting style by the openers, Charlotte Edwards and Helen Plimmer, put England on the way to their second score of more than 300 in three days and a convincing win over Denmark in their women's World Cup match in Hyderabad yesterday. England scored 301 for four off their 50 overs and restricted Denmark to 107 for seven.

A huge England total at the Gymkhana ground was on the cards once Edwards. three days short of her eighteenth birthday, had pulled the first two balls of the innings for four. She repeated the dose in the second over and took full advantage of the field restrictions. By the time she was out in the thirteenth over, she had made 72, with 13 fours, off only 52 balls, in an opening stand of 86.

Plimmer, more of an accumulator than strokemaker, was the ideal foil for Edwards and then Jan Brittin. Plimmer made a sluggish start, while Brittin, who scored 138 as England compiled 376 against Pakistan last Friday, chipped in with 51. Sue Metcalle was stumped off a ball by Susanne Nielsen that bounced twice before it reached her, but Plimmer ploughed on. When she was out, caught behind off Nielsen for 87, she had faced 113 balls and batted for all but six overs of the innings, earning the player-of-thematch award. "As long as you concen-

trate on the role you are trying to play and not get too overawed by it, it works," Plimmer said. "Everybody is still playing for places against the bigger teams."

Jane Cassar (43 not out) and Karen Smithies (29 not out) scored quick runs at the end of the innings.

Denmark had discarded any hopes of victory long before they batted and some tight, if not penetrative, bowling ensured an England victory by 194 runs - almost as emphatic as their 231-run win over Pakistan. However, both results were put into perspective by Australia's ninewicket win over Pakistan, also in Hyderabad. Pakistan were dismissed for 27.

England's next match is against Ireland in Pune tomorrow.

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Old failings continue to hurt New Barnsley

THERE is an unfortunate paradox about Barnsley's season. Danny Wilson, the manager, believes that his side is improving by the week. Neil Redfearn, the captain, presents an articulate case in agreement. With each game that passes, however, the task of maintaining FA Carling Premiership

"We are much, much better than at the start of the season," Wilson said on Saturday. "All round, I think we have wised up. We are not in awe of the opposition any more. Over the last month or so I have been really encouraged by our performances, even though we have not been getting the results."

To listen to the chorus of optimistic voices at Oakwell it was hard to accept that Barnsley had actually lost ground in their quest to avoid relegation. They are five points adrift of the side in seventeenth position, two points worse off than before the weekend. There is an easy conclusion: if this is progress, then thank goodness Barnsley are not going backwards.

Easy, but superficial. Imagine how Wilson's side might have responded to being 2-1 down to Newcastle United in September, especially after surrendering the lead. "We would have lost by three or four goals," Redfearn said. "We realise now that we have to scrap for every point. We cannot afford to reach the stage where we need to put a championship run together to

Barnsley are certainly more resilient. It is a compliment to their growing strength that Wilson felt compelled to deny that his side has become over-physical. "We just make sure we do not give any quarter," he said. Redfearn epitomised New Barnsley as he matched Batty tackle for tackle.





BARNSLEY 2 NEWCASTLE UNITED 2 By Richard Hobson

The next step is to avoid the lapses in concentration — the silly individual mistakes — that went unpunished in the Nationwide League last season.

Tinkler, after 43 minutes, was dispossessed far too easily by Asprilla and, when the Colombian passed to Gillespie. Appleby allowed the winger to cut inside and place a left-foot shot beyond Leese. Barnsley could harbour just one complaint: that Asprilla remained on the field after twice swinging an arm at Appleby four minutes earlier. The offence was either missed or ignored by Paul Alcock, the referee.

Three minutes into the second half, Gillespie scored a second when he lobbed Leese, inexplicably off his line. Who now would have predicted an equaliser, for Barnsley had enjoyed much their best spell in the first half. They went ahead through a curling shot by Redfearn after eight minutes and nearly extended the lead when Tinkler's header from Appleby's free kick forced Hislop into an agile

The visitors, marshalled by Pearce, gradually settled. Barnes became a fourth midfield player and Tomasson replaced Asprilla, still some way short of full match fitness. Gillespie blazed over when a hat-trick beckoned before Tomasson shot wide having beaten two defenders. "We did not look in any great danger." Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, said.

Instead, the final goal went to Barnsley, and to Hendrie, a substitute, whose six previous clubs include Newcastle. Collecting the ball on the right touchline in the 75th minute, he moved infield unchallenged, as had Gillespie earlier, and shot gloriously past the send supporters home convinced that better times await.

BARNSLEY (3-6-2) L Leese — A Moses, M Apple by (sub: M Bullock, 65min), A Kyrgan — N Eaden, J Bosancu: Cub: D Sheriden, 52), N Redieam, E Tinkler, D Barnard — A Ward, A Liddelt (sub: J

Hendre, S6)
NEWCASTLE UNITED (5-3-2): S Histop — S Wat-son, D Peacock, P Albert, S Pearce, A Pistone — K Gillespie, D Bathy, R Lee — F Asprilla (sub: J D Tomasson, 65), J Barnes Refereer: P Alcock.



Blake, right, hurdles this tackle from Rowett as Bolton Wanderers go on the offensive at the Reebok Stadium yesterday

Bolton stage memorable spectacle

THE splendid Reebok Stadium provides excellent views, com-mendable facilities and the warmest of welcomes - everything, in fact, Bolton Wanderers supporters had been complaining, except entertainment. However, all that changed yesterday, spectacularly so, when these two sides shared six goals in 28 mad second-half

Where they came from, no one was quite sure. Before the kick-off. Bolton had been the picture of parsimony, scoring just five times in eight games in their plush new ground. Derby County appeared content, meanwhile, simply to halt the woeful away sequence that had seen their defence beaten 12 times in their past three trips away from their own new ground, Pride

When Aian Thompson put Bolton ahead from the penalty spot four minutes after the restart, level that nobody had dared hope for on a freezing Lancashire afternoon. Derby, until then barely capable of shooting never mind doing it with any great intent, suddenly burst into life and surged into a 3-1 lead that they can never have expected and certainly did not deserve.

Smith, the Derby manager, said: "It was ridiculous. were 3-I up, but hanging on to that, we were going out for four or five. There were se-

nior players out there, but they were commit ting suicide." He should have been grateful, though, simply to get out of the game with a point, because even that looked well beyond his players when they fell behind in the 49th minute. Stimac tripped Frandsen and Thompson

struck home the penalty. Cue the most unlikely comeback of the FA Carling Premiership season so far, as first Stefano Baiano, his compatriot, before striding unhindered into the penalty area and lifting the ball past

Ward for a 54th-minute equaliser. Eleven minutes later, Derby were ahead, again thanks to their Italian contingent. Sturridge outpaced Phillips along the right flank and, when Ward dived to

block his cross. he succeeded only in palming blasted in the rebound.

BOLTON WANDERERS 3 lead to 3-1 in the 69th minute. **DERBY COUNTY 3** Baiano adding By Matt Dickinson his second after

> with Sturridge, it proved too much. for one Wanderers fan, who rose from his seat, produced a theatrical two-fingered salute and strode from the ground muttering his

Less than ten minutes later, he was scuttling back to his seat to hoots of derision from his colleagues, the roars of excitement as Bolton had brought the game

He had missed two fine goals. The first from Blake after 72 minutes was a towering header. the centre forward, who too often appears content to squander his undoubted talents, rising above Chris Powell to deliver a spectacular finish. The next was even

better. Frandsen's 50-vard sprint at a retreating Derby defence seemed to be heading up a blind alley as he neared the byline, but the midfield player knew exactly what he was doing, deverly backheeling the ball to Pollock to blast When Derby increased their a shot from a narrow angle past. Poom and inside the far post.

Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, could reflect later on a brave performance by his players: "It was just character that got us through," he said. "We should have been winning 2-0 at half-time and then suddenly we find ourselves 3-1 down. The players showed great spirit coming back because we had a lot of players missing as well.

'We lost a little discipline after we took the lead and got caught on the counter-attack, which was something I had warned them about - but I can't fault the players for their attitude. There today and that point could prove vital for us later in the season." BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): G Ward — G Bergsson, A Todd, C Fairclaugh, J Philips — J Pollock, P Frandsen, A Thompson, S Sellars (sub: Bergsson, A Todd, C Fairdough, J Philips — J Pollock, P Frandsen, A Thompson, S Sellars (sub: M Johansen, Bämin! — P Berdsley (sub: A Gurnlaugsson, 83), N Blake.

DERBY COUNTY (34-3); N Poom — C Dailly, I Stimar, G Rowet! — R Kozluk (sub: D Powell &?), S Eranio, L Carsley, C Powel! — P Wanchope (sub: D Burton, 82), F Balano, D Sturndge, Referee: U Rarmin.

West Ham's forward look recalls , past glory





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WEST HAM UNITED 1 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.0 By Ivo Tennant

EVEN for Ron Atkinson, the good times eventually have to come to an end. After three successive vic · :: tories. Sheffield Wednesday were beaten not so much by a better :.. team as by one whose record on 📆 their own ground is the stuff of conquistadors. A single goal was sufficient for West Ham United. and for once it was not scored by

So Atkinson, who, according to a match-programme profile, is "the "man with the Midas touch who sweeps into the troubled waters and turns things around", could be forgiven for appearing tetchy. Wednesday had marked Hartson diligently, passed fluently and scrimmaged purposefully. A draw is would have been a deserved result.

There was an edge to the humour of Atkinson. He had, quite properly, given those players he inherited 😁 from David Pleat every chance to impress and they had not let him down. Yet he would wish to spend 32 some money — perhaps on Gary 6.11 Speed, of Everton, who wants to return to Yorkshire.

Some money has been spent. Atkinson paid IFK Gothenburg E750,000 for Niclas Alexandersson. the 25-year-old Sweden international midfield player. He was among the substitutes, but did not come on because Wednesday, if anything, performed better than when beating Barnsley last week. Di Canio, o in particular, deserved more.

"If we battle and scrap like that ::: for the rest of the season, we shall be all right," Atkinson said. He opted to play Stefanovic at left back on and deployed the gangling and of gifted Rudi behind Di Canio and on Booth. Wednesday belong to the



Kitson: scored on his return

Everton fans see little reason to join in the Christmas spirit

THE worst thing about Christmas and football, as Victor Meldrew might say, is the pre-match audio entertainment. During December those hugely original tunes such as Simply The Best are replaced with endless, droning, mock-cheery festive ditties. It is excruciating.

At Goodison Park, though, the PA announcer is, well, a little different. In fact, he frequently sounds as though he has stumbled across a particularly strong batch of hallucinogens. So when he played I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day one could not but help applaud the delicious sense of

At Everton they would settle for Christmas once a decade, such is the desperate state of their club. The visit of Wimbledon left the poor supporters about as far away from a sense of festive spirit as it is possible to be. Their feelings were summed up by another wonderful-ly rimed offering from the PA man as the game finished. Do They Know It's Christmas Time?

Surprisingly, after another dreadful match at Goodison Park, there was barely any dissent from the faithful. It was as if the near-30,000 crowd had already accepted the worst — that their club will be relegated from the FA Carling Premiership. They are probably

We waited until the 67th minute for the first shot on target, a tame effort from the hopelessly lost



EVERTON 0 WIMBLEDON 0 By David Maddock

Cadamerteri, and the 88th minute for the first decent save, a onehanded stop to his left by Sullivan. the Wimbledon goalkeeper, from a powerful Hinchcliffe drive. We waited forever for an effort by the visiting team. It did not arrive.



team - and should have won because Barmby dragged a simple effort wide in the first half — was no consolation to anybody who attended this match. They were better only because Wimbledon were so bad, and Wimbledon were so bad only because they have lost

virtually a whole team through injury and suspension. "It was a good point for us and a bad day for them," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. -We didn't get at them at all but with our injuries, it is about survival. They had to come and beat us and

they couldn't.' Éverton could not, because in Barmby and Cadamerteri they had two forwards far more comfortable scurrying out to the flanks. It is four matches since Everton last found the net, nine since they won a game and the run will continue until they find a forward who can

actually score goals. The suspended Duncan Ferguson is not the answer. He has never scored goals regularly, so Howard Kendall must buy to save the club. The fact that he has no money to buy is a minor complication, but one that he still believes he can

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EVERTON (5-3-2) T Myhre — M Ward (sub. E Barrett. 61min), C Short, D Wasson, C Tier, A Hindhosfile — D Williamson (sub. J Oster, 5-5-, G Farretly G Speed — N Barmby, D Cacameter WIMBLEDON (44-2) N Sulhvan — K Curtongham, D Blackwell, B Thatcher, A Kritisk — N Ardley, S Solbekken, R Estrie, M Hughes — C Cottago, A Carku, 64), M Gayle (sub. V Jones, 37).

Reference: G Achby

Benali confirms staying power with strike of rare quality

FRANCIS BENALI has long enjoyed semi-cult status at Southampton. As the 5ft 9in former freescoring England Schoolboys striker who failed to grow in his teens and was transformed into a tough-tackling full back. As the rogue defender who was sent off three times last season and sat out 12 matches because of suspension. And as the spittin' image of Freddie Mercury, the late lead singer of Queen, the rock band, until he

shaved off his moustache. He is revered, too, as mine host of Kuti's Brasserie in the city, the Indian restaurant in which to be seen dining. No Saints supporter has lived until he or she has tasted Benali's best biryani. He is also Southampton's most durable per-former, along with Matthew Le Tissier, having served seven man-agers over 11 seasons. He still

commands a regular place. Few. then, would begrudge him his 15 minutes of fame as he held court after Southampton's victory against Leicester City in the FA Carling Premiership on Saturday. Benali, 28, had scored what proved to be the winner in the 53rd minute. an accurate long-range header from Le Tissier's precise free kick. It was his first goal in 287 matches for the club.

"it's been too long," he said, lapping up the attention. "I hope it's not as long before I score the next one. I just managed to find a bit of space, called for it and



SOUTHAMPTON 2 LEICESTER CITY 1 By Russell Kempson

Matthew delivered it perfectly. I stayed behind on Friday to do extra shooting practice but it went as usual - you know, all over the place. It was just as well the ball came to my head, otherwise I don't know where it would have ended



Benali: elated

up." Benali's only previous goal was in his testimonial match last season. "It was nice to score a proper one at last," he said.

Before kick-off, the game had offered little to enthuse about. Southampton had lost three on the trot, Leicester had won only two in eight. After 84 seconds, Le Tissier roused the crowd when he tucked in the rebound after Keller had saved Hirst's lunging jab from Davies's cross. Considering that it was rumoured he would be dropped, it was the perfect riposte to David Jones, the Southampton manager.

As it was, Le Tissier rarely reached such heights again. He was ineffective, displaying more bulk than brilliance, and although he crafted Benali's goal, he was replaced with ten minutes left.

Leicester should have gained a draw. "I don't know how we lost," Martin O'Neill, their manager, said. Heskey squandered several chances and also struck a post, leaving it to Savage, with a 20-yard flier, to resurrect Leicester's hopes in the 84th minute. It was his first goal in 17 appearances for the club 270 less than it took Benali to make his belated mark.

Make his delicum mala.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): P Jones — J Dodd, K Manikov, C Lundekvam, F Bersal — C Pairner, K Richardson (sub D Hughes, Bomm), M Caiday (sub A Williams, 70), M Le Tissier (sub E Cateriad, 80) — K Davies D Hirst, LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Vellor — S Prior (sub S Cagoge, 81), M Effort, S Walsh — P Kaamark, R Savage, N Lemon, M Ezel, S Guppy — G Ferton

middle, not the lower reaches, of the FA Carling Premiership table and they now have a manager who can take them still higher...

For West Ham, the joy was that Kitson scored on his first appearance for three months. His goal was perhaps fortuitous, but any forward who has been injured for 3 three months is deserving of luck. Midway through the second half, a Walker attempted to clear a through-ball by Lomas and Kitson's shot on the turn appeared : to take a slight deflection past. Pressman. It was West Ham's tenth victory in 11 matches this

season at Upton Park. "Last year you could not see; anyone at the club scoring a goal for us. Now you can see we are a threat," Harry Redknapp, their

manager, said.
In the middle of his discourse, Geoff Hurst walked by Foot-balling folk like nothing as much as comparing present with past and nowhere is that more prevalent than at Upton Park, where there is : a Bobby Moore Stand, a Trevor Brooking Suite and an urchin around every corner to ask Hurst about his World Cup final hat-

Hartson and Kitson will not reach those heights, but the fact that one says he has no wish to play abroad and the other has recovered after a lengthy spell of injury bodes well for the club's future. This is a potent partnership.

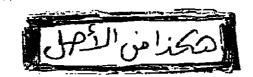
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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressmen
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Chelsea rue failure to beat nine men at Stamford Bridge while Blackburn keep up title chase

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Leeds survive their punishment



CHELSEA 0 LEEDS UNITED 0

By Oliver Holt Football Correspondent

BY THE end, it was like Mafeking or one of those great sieges that James Fenimore Cooper wrote about in The Last of the Mohicans. Fusillade after fusillade raked the Leeds United defences and prone forms, clutching at tired and in-jured limbs, littered their penalty area after every Chelsea attack. It was heroism after a fashion, an afternoon for anti-heroes, not he-

There was a measure of honour in the Leeds hold-out. Reduced to nine men before half-time, their defiance and their discipline during a second half of relentless Chelsea pressure gave the game a desperate, urgent feel. The head willed Chelsea on, prayed that they would get the reward that their flair deserved against the spoilers from the North; the heart could not help but admire the resilience of the Leeds survivors, especially on an afternoon when the recent death of Billy Bremner had been marked with a minute's silence.

When that admiration for the obduracy of the nine angry men was stripped away, though, the blame for the second Battle of Stamford Bridge - an afternoon when ten yellow cards and two sendings-off in the first 45 minutes ruined any hope of an even contest and could have caused any number of serious injuries among the ranks of the West London club - must be. laid at Leeds's door.

George Graham, the Leeds manager, had the grace to accept a degree of culpability on behalf of his team after the match, admitting that he was angered by some of their first-half indiscipline, but he tarnished that by veering off to-wards the land of xenophobia with suggestions that some of the "more technical" of the Cheisea players had overindulged in amateur dramatics whenever they were tackled.

In the second half," Graham said, my players showed tremendous discipline. That helped the referee and he needed help.



Calm amid the storm: Poll does his best to point to a more peaceful path as Leeds United fight it out with Chelsea on Saturday

That was nonsense. Leeds may have had two men - Alf Inge Haaland and Gary Kelly - sent off by Graham Poll in the first half, but it should have been three. A scything tackle by Ribeiro on Wise, followed by a blatant trip by the same player on the flying Le Saux a few manutes later, yielded only one yellow card when it should have produced two.

Perhaps exhaustion had begun to set in with Poll by then. From the first minute, when he booked Kelly Players were going to ground very for encroaching at a corner, he had quickly, but I did not see the physic had to deal with a gamut of having to corner all that offering the stripenes, a rash of bad tackles, one had to go off injured. We will stripenes, a rash of bad tackles, one had to go off injured. We will stripenes and the stell, but let's leave the theatricals be-

ran out of space for the names. "It was a testament to my refereeing that no one was seriously hurt," Poll said modestly after the game. Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-

manager, retused to be drawn into an argument with Graham, but when he was asked whether any of his players had been injured, he smiled ruefully and came on strong with the irony. "Injuries?" he said. "Oh yes. Especially to the calves. I don't know why that could be."

Obliquely, though, Gullit also offered up a damning indictment of the tactics that brought Graham his point on Saturday and lifted Leeds to fourth place in the FA Carling Premiership, hot on Chel-

their offences was so full that he allowed to play the way Leeds played today and, because of that, you have to resolve the game technically and tactically, so it demands more. It is very easy to demolish a car, but it takes a lot

longer to build one." Chelsea, so lavishly talented in attack and midfield, deserve their share of the blame for the stalemate, too. Even when they brought on Vialli to partner Flo and Zola up front and threw Duberry forward into the fray, they could not puncture the Leeds back line. Shot after long shot went woefully wide, Sinclair wasted a delightful one-two with Vialli by toe poking his effort wide from close range after an hour and Vialli himself attempta chest down would have left him with just Martyn to beat. The home side's best chance

came two minutes from the end, when Duberry ran unmarked on to a cross from Sinclair only to see his powerful header acrobatically saved by Martyn. As he contemplated his side's failure to close the gap on Manchester United, Gullit reverted to the analogy of a siege himself. "We did not produce enough quality in the vital moments to demolish that wall," he

Wenger ready to go shopping as Arsenal begin to show their age

the problem last season. Home defeats by leading rivals denied Arsenal a place in the Champions' League and, probably, the championship. Between February and May, they lost to Manchester United, Liverpool and Newcastle United.

Now, the same thing is happening. A fortnight ago, Arsenal were beaten at Highbury by Liverpool: on Saturday, they were hustled and ultimately humiliated by Blackburn Rovers. There must have been a sense of déjá vu for their manager, if so, it would explain why he was, by his admission, uncharacteristically angry - not merely with the performance so much as the knowledge that he diagnosed the trouble long ago and had done nothing about it. Wenger trusted his veter ans to put it right, to give him another season, and, on Saturday, that decision looked to be a

Wenger did say, directly, that he did not think age was the problem, but he also said this "I thought Blackburn lasted longer in the fight than we did. They always closed us down at the back and we did the same for an hour, but then we couldn't do it any more. We were not fresh enough physically any more to put the ball down and put them under pressure."

Arsenal ran out of puff and ideas, in other words. Like an ageing boxer fighting a younger challenger, they started well, led at the halfway stage, but as the blows kept coming, as Blackburn kept them running, gave them no time to think, so veteran legs tired, gaps started to appear and the big punches found their target. By the end, Arsenal were ragged. Gary Willard, the referee, should probably have saved them from further punishment late in the eleventh.

There were hints, too, that Wenger is not going to wait much longer before buying replacements for the old guard, that, if possible, he will do so from within the English game. The great Arsenal back four, the buttress on which success was built, may finally be dismantled. Ian Wright, brilliant early in the season. may find himself, at 34, fighting for a place in the team against a big-money rival - but more of him later.

The final frustration for Wenger was not merely that Arsenal failed



ARSENAL 1 **BLACKBURN ROVERS 3**

By Peter Robinson

demands, but that they resorted to the old Arsenal - flat back four, long ball to the centre forward, what they knew best - and were resoundingly beaten anyway. Yes, they led at half-time, after Overmars had lobbed Flowers, but the warning lights were flashing. Gallacher ran free after a howler by Adams and only a superb tackle Keown - outstanding on the day but ultimately outnumbered -denied him an equaliser.

A second Adams slip escaped

punishment after the break, but it was asking too much for it to happen a third time, Wilcox burying a Kenna cross that reached him via Sutton and Sherwood. Eight minutes later, in the 65th, a Flowers clearance was headed on by Sutton and Gallacher, all alone, unleashed a luscious left-foot volley that flew over Seaman and into the far corner. By the time that Sherwood had added the third near the end, Keown and Dixon had cleared off the line, Sherwood had hit the crossbar and Arsenal were in disarray, reduced to hitting witless, long balls at Bergkamp, who, marked by the peerless Hendry, reached not one.

And Wright? Booked in the course of a fractious display, he faces a two-game suspension and was last heard of receiving a warning from a policeman after yelling pleasantries through a dressing-room window at disgruntled supporters making their way home. A report is to be completed by Holloway police, although it appeared yesterday that the matter was unlikely to be taken farther. Plenty, then, for him to discuss at his next anger management coun-

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MANCHESTER UNITED ASTON VILLA



Ofiver Holt In the past, it has been Arsenal and Biackburn Rovers who have faltered when they

have shown the temerity to ge too close to Manchester United at the top of the FA Carling Premiership. On Saturday, it was Chelsea who flew too close to the flame, so tonight Alex Ferguson's team have the chance to open up a fourpoint gap.

This time, though, against Aston Villa at Old Trafford, they will have to fight against a factor they have not had to deal with this season. In the past, when they have returned from European trips, they have done so on a high. bolstered by wins thattook them through to the quarterfinals of the European Cup. But tonight they face Villa after the disappointment of their defeat by Juventus in Turin on Wednesday.

That 1-0 reverse left them heavy with disappointment, even though it did not affect their qualification. They would have liked to have played on Saturday to get Juventus out of the system, so Villa may pay the penalty for United's frustration.

Villa, of course, will be on a high after their own European experience, the 2-0 win over Steaua Bucharest that took them through to the quarterfinals of the Uefa Cup.

MANCHESTER (MITTED Grobable, 4-4-2)*
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INTELEVISION: Live on Sky Sports 1. from 7pm M PREDICTION: United to charge on.

Gross proves unable to put message across

Perdinand stood, head howed, hands on his hips: two pictures of. dejection. Despair at the injustice of football, perhaps. Or were they wondering what they had got themselves into by exchanging Tyneside and a European Cup Champions' League campaign for the bright lights of London and a

relegation struggle?
For that, without question, is what Tottenham find themselves in. Next week they face Barnsley at White Hart Lane, when defeat could send them to the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership, and that match has already assumed enormous significance, not least in the mind of Christian Gross, the manager, who referred to it several times on Saturday. "We must win this game," he said. "The situation

And yet, just as in their previous match, against Chelsea, Tottenham had not been as bad as a scoreline. distorted by a late collapse, had suggested. They could even - do. not laugh - have won. They had the better early chances and might have led through Ferdinand's powerful header, Ginola's dribble and shot or Carr's interception and run that ended with his left-foot effort from the edge of the penalty area rebounding off a post.

Naturally Coventry, who had

AT THE final whistle, David lost their previous four matches, Ginola slumped to the ground; Les scored with their first decent attempt on goal. Tottenham's injuryravaged defence hesitated as Darren Huckerby pounced on Dublin's headed flick before blast-

ing the ball past Ian Walker.
Fox missed a good chance to equalise on the stroke of half-time and, in the second half, Ferdinand's toe-poke was cleared off the line by Nilsson minutes before Gary Breen doubled the lead, shooting in after his header from Burrows's quickly taken free kick had been blocked.

Spurs tried to respond, but Magnus Hedman, the Sweden international replating Ogrizovic in the Coventry goal, saved well



COVENTRY CITY 4 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0 By Nick Szczepanik

from Fox and Ginola. As the visiting team pressed forward, the back door was left open for



Huckerby, shooting thunderously again, and Hall, volleying his first



League goal, to complete the If it was not exactly the rout that

the score suggests, it was a win that will give Coventry much-needed confidence for a programme that pits them against Chelsea. Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool (twice) in their next halfdozen games. Our goals came from determination." Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, said. "We're not a quality side by any manner of means, but we've got to try and bring some quality to the team either by working hard with the players or trying to scrape up some money somewhere. It's no threat to the players who are here. They need help."

"In the first half we did well, but I asked the team to do more in the offensive way, especially the mid-field players," he said. "Unfortunately, the second [goal] killed us. We couldn't come back. We were unlucky, but we have to do more and work harder on the training pitch to bring luck onto our side. I never will explain results by a missing of luck." Even though, on this occasion, you felt he might have had a case.

CDVENTRY CITY (3-5-2" M Hedman — R Shew, G Breen, D Burrows — R Nilsson, P Teller, G McAdester (sub' TE Soltwedt, 31mm), N Whelan (sub: M O'Neitl, 88), M Hell — D Huckerby, D Dublin.

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players have responded well in the

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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2). I Walker — S
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70). — D Gmola, L Ferdinand.

prepared But not as much help as Gross to stay with needs, either in applying a similar work ethic to the supposed high quality he already has at his disposal, or in dealing with post-**Australia** match press conferences. One felt for him as he tried manfully to answer questions that his level of By Our Sports Staff English does not equip him for. To TERRY VENABLES is ready to lead Australia's bid to qualify for the 2002 World Cup in Japan and the more realistic inquiries, his answers were straightforward: yes, he has money to spend, but "interesting" players are all under contract; no, the task is not bigger, nor the Premiership more demand-South Korea.

The former England coach, who has ruled himself out of coaching

Nigeria in the finals next year in France, has agreed in principle to stay with Australia when his contract expires next July.
It is believed that the extended contract would enable Venables.

54, to coach at club level, possibly even in the FA Carling Premiership, where he has been linked with several clubs. But Venables would have to make himself available for Australian international commitments. Asked if the proposed agreement would allow Venables to coach in

the Premiership, David Hill, chairman of Soccer Australia, said: "The short answer is yes, but with a big qualification that we were able to structure a deal that ensured his availability when Australia needs him. Most international pro-grammes take place when the Premier League is suspended anyway.

Australia want Venables to take the national team into the next millennium, despite their disappointing defeat by Iran on away goals for the last qualifying place for 1998.

"He's really developed an affinity with Australia," Hill said. "The guy clearly is a phenomenal coach. We are paying, by our standards, a lot of money for him, but it's way below what he's worth." The new deal would apparently result in Venables being paid less on an annual basis, but free to do other things. His present contract is understood to be worth £180,000.

Hill believes that Australia's biggest problem is a lack of regular, top-class international matches between World Cups, an issue he is raising with Fifa officials during the Confederations Cup in Riyadh. Hill said: We've got him [Venables] now at a bargain price, but he understands that in the absence of regular international tournaments we couldn't afford to pay him at the present rate full-

Managers unite to praise young warrior Owen

Ginola falls to the ground in despair after Tottenham Hotspur's crushing defeat at Highfield Road

CRYSTAL Palace had Michele Padovano, Liverpool had Michael Owen. Palace lost Padovano after 35 minutes, while Liverpool had

Owen for the whole game. Each has fine control, devastating pace and a powerful finish. Twice in the opening 20 minutes. Padovano forced fine saves from James, the Liverpool goalkeeper. with strong, low shots, the first after Shipperley had gone past Kvarme and the second when the Italian made himself space when none seemed there.

But Owen's acceleration, backed by his courage to go it alone, despite his size, was too much for the Palace defence. On the day before his eighteenth birthday, he tormented Palace from the seventh minute when, after Warhurst gave the ball away, he raced in along the byline to enable McManaman, Liverpool's other hero, to get in a

shot, which was blocked. Owen's goal came 12 minutes into the second half when, after Redknapp put him through, he left Linighan in his trail and neatly outwitted the goalkeeper, Miller.

Steve Coppell, the manager of Palace, said: "Owen looked really great." Roy Evans, the manager of Liverpool, added: "He's prepared to take on the big guys. The physical side doesn't bother him. When he's got the chance to run past you, it's a different ball game."

ration of his team and on such form can scarcely be kept out of the England midfield. Ince could not play, but was not missed as McManaman took great responsibility, covered vast areas of ground at speed, used the ball with flair and constantly moved into intelli-

McManaman was the real inspi-

gent positions. "He's clearing balls off the line,

CRYSTAL PALACE 0 LIVERPOOL 3 By Brian Glanville

and then he scores at the other end," Evans said. "His general work is famastic. People think he's just one of those skilful players. He

does a lot more." As if the departure of Padovano because of a pulled hamstring was not enough. Palace lost their other Italian, Lombardo. A knock on the tibia forced him off the field five

minutes into the second half. "Attilio was stuggling from ten minutes," Coppell said. "He gives us that little bit extra in midfield: we have three who don't get beyond

With both Italians off, the Palace cupboard was bare. Injuries meant that they had no other striker on the bench and Coppell hesitated to push the versatile Warhurst up front. Instead, he brought on the 20-year-old right winger, Ginty, for his debut, although, as he admitted, Palace's pattern does not include wingers: though surely that

is where Lombardo looks best. Coppell was distressed, having worked to combat short corners during the week, that Liverpool's opening goal should come from one. After 40 minutes McAteer's deflected cross from the right reached McManaman, who scored with great power.

Liverpool's third goal came after 61 minutes. Gordon was overcommitted in his own half and McManaman set Owen free to lay on the chance for Leonhardsen, whose shot was deflected past Miller. Saves by Miller from Leonhardsen and Fowler in the closing minutes kept the score down.

Twice Palace might have had a consolation goal, once when James made a fearful mess of punching away a corner and McManaman cleared off the line, once when Leonhardsen plainly handled in the box but got away with it.

CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2): K Miler — P Warhurst. A Linghan, H Hreddrisson — M Edworthy, A Roberts, A Lambardo (sub: R Garly, 50mm), J Fulleston, D Gordon — M Padovano (sub. N

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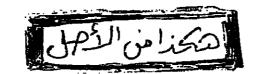
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Forest fail to keep Wolves at bay

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SOME weeks ago, Steve Stone described the Nationwide Reague first division, rather generously, as being "not very good". The Nottingham Forest nidfield player was an absentee yesterday, but his words sprang to mind all too readily. was entirely appropriate that the goal to confirm victory for Wolverhampton Wanderers should arrive courtesy of a

By RICHARD HOBSON

How they required this win, though. Defeat would have eft them 13 points behind Forest, who remain in second blace behind Middlesbrough and just a point clear of Sheffield United who are third. Wolverhampton expect. Richards and Bull to recover from injury within a month. while the poor home form that has hampered their attempts is win promotion in the past has been rectified so spectacularly that they are yet to suffer defeat at Molineux in the ague this season.

Mark McGhee, the manage er, seemed strangely subdued as he discussed Wolverhampon's credentials yesterday. We have also beaten Mid-dlesbrough this season, so knowing we can do that to the top two in the table has to give us confidence," he said. "But I am still in a situation where I do not know what side I will be able to put out from one week to the next because of injuries, so I cannot get too

For the first 20 minutes resterday, they were barely allowed out of their own half and both Cooper and Van Hooijdonk threatened with long-range shots. Perhaps that early pressure tempted the Forest defence to push too far forward. They were caught square by a long pass from Atkins to Goodman, whose centre from the right went cross goal to Froggatt. It was cut back for a second time and, on this occasion, Freedman made a good enough contact to steer it beyond the reach of



Freedman celebrates his opening goal as Wolverhampton Wanderers take an early grip on their first division match at Molineux yesterday

Dave Basseti, the Forest manager, might have considered a bid for Freedman when the player left Crystal Palace in October had the City Ground finances not been so constrained. Bassett's adjairation could only have grown when Freedman thipped against the bar in the 23rd

When Chettle held him back

Wolverhampton crowd, Confideace spread among the hay-ing ranks as Forest failed to make any impact on Stowell's geat and Keane, a precocious young talent from Ireland. started to torment Rogers, the

A blatant handball by Bonalair inside his own penalty area went unpunished when the second-half began, while a back pass from Armstrong, an early substitute for Hielde, was oddly deemed

unintentional. Forest rallied midway through the half when Woan shot wide and both Campbell and Van Hooijdonk drew good saves

from Stowell.

Wolverhampton needed a second goal and it duly arrived, fortuitously, in the 66th minute. Froggatt, a left back with an inclination to attack, reached the byline before assing back to Simpson. The ball was whipped in and

early, screwed it the wrong side of Pascolo from close range. Woan failed to even hit the

target with a free header immediately afterwards and Forest could ill afford to finish so wastefully. At least Van Hooijdonk forced Stowell to tip a free kick over the bar, as befits a man with 17 goals to his credit this season.

The visiting team scored with five minutes remaining Cocoper's long, floated ball was flicked on by Campbell and, while Froggatt and Stowell dithered, Johnson, a substitute, nipped in to

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-3-3): M. Stowel — M. Atlans. K. Curle, S Sedgley, S. Froggett — C. Robinson, S Osborn, P. Simpson — R. Keare, D

Borbokis shows Sheffield he is a man of steel

Sheffield United ... Swindon Town

BY PAT GIBSON

THE Greeks, no doubt, have a better word for it, but, in football parlance, such overused clichés as character and commitment will have to suffice to describe the kind of quality Vassilis Borbokis demonstrated at Bramail Lane on

The Sheffield United full back was in tears before the game because he had just heard that his father was desperately ill at home in Athens, but when Nigel Spackman, his manager, asked him whether he wanted to play or not, he was adamant.

"He said, 'Yes, I want to play, I want to play'," Spackman reported, so I said, 'OK, you play and then go home to Greece and ring us when you are ready to come back"."

For the next 90 minutes, Borbokis, who was signed from AEK Athens, put personal distress out of his mind and emerged as the outstanding figure in a victory that lifted United back to third place in the Nationwide League first

"It just shows the great character of the player that he could perform like he did today with his father so ill," Spackman said. "Now everybody should appreciate that family problems like illness come before football. This is the way it is being handled with Vas as it would be with every other player here and the most important thing now is for him to be with his

father. Spackman will be hoping that Borbokis is not away too long. He has only just got his side back on an even keel after successive defeats at Norwich City and Charlton Athletic had threatened to undermine an excellent start, in which they lost only one of their 19

They played some good football on Saturday, with

of the back four and Saunders behind the two strikers in a diamond midfield formation, but they found Digby, Sheffield-born and once a Bramall Lane ball-boy, in outstanding form in the Swindon Town goal and it was the visitors who went ahead in the 23rd

"Frightening," is the word Steve McMahon, the Swindon manager, uses to describe the searing pace of Noah, his exciting capture from Crystal Palace, and it certainly frightened Vonk, whose hesitancy allowed Finney to score from an acute angle.

Borbokis set up the equaliser on the stroke of half-time, first with a shot that drew a fine save at his near post by Digby, then with the ensuing corner that forced Digby into his only error and led to Holdsworth scoring from

Swindon, busy and workmanlike, seemed to have regained the lead in the 61st minute when Gooden scrambled the ball in from Robinson's cross, but the goal was disallowed because Ndah was offside. "It was ludicrous," McMahon said. The ball was already over the line and all Ndah was doing was celebrat-ing by kicking it into the net." As McMahon said, it was

the turning-point. Twenty minutes later, Saunders, signed on a free transfer from Nottingham Forest but reportedly earning £10,000 a week. repaid some of the investment by scoring his first goal for United, although he needed a deflection off Bullock to beat the gallant Digby after Fjortoft had put him clear.

"I'm relieved to get off the mark for Sheffield United," the Wales forward said. "Hopefully I can now get on a

SHEFFELD UNITED (4-1-2-1-2): A Kelly— V Borboids, D Holdsworth, M Vorik, R Nilsen— N Murker— G Stuart (autr. C Wood-house, 8 Immi), B Ford — D Seunders— J A Fjortoft (autr. G Taylor, 81), B Deane, SWINDOM TOWN (2-1-2): F Digby — M Robinson, B Borrows, A McDonald — F Dames (autr. C Taylor, 45), D Studek, L Collins, T Gooden — D Thompson — G Ndah, S Francy.

Taylerat last

Bristol City

By KETTH PIKE

T WAS a moment so powerfully... evocative, so rich in irony, that there was a temptation to believe that it had been stage-managed. With nine minutes to go, his side trailing and desperate for the goal that seemed beyond them, Graham Taylor did it again — he took off his eading scorer. It only needed Alan Smith, an impassive observer in the Vicarage Road press box on Saturday, to have laced up his boots and taken the field for the

scene to have been complete. This, though, was not Sweden and the 1992 European championship, and it was not Gary Lineker trudging to the sidelines, England's Thopes departing with him. This was the meeting of the teams running away with the Nationwide League second division. And this

tine Taylor got it right. Within three minutes, Ronny Rosenthal's replacement, Gifton Noel-Williams - a gangling 17year-old with legs as long as his name - had controlled Jason Lee's hopeful pass across the area, made a yard of space and hit a low, leftfoot shot that, with the aid of a small deflection, beat Welch inside his near post. Watford had got the point they deserved and Taylor had been vindicated — this time.

When he comes in and tells you how good his substitution was, ask him why he didn't do it earlier," John Ward said. "I would have done. The Bristol City manager, Taylor's closest friend in football and his weekend house guest, had his tongue very firmly in his cheek. but having shared in so many of Taylor's achievements during an alliance that started a quarter of a century ago. Ward knows that the man who will inevitably be rementbered simply as the England coach who failed also just happens to have been one of the most success-

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years. Ward spoke of his great affection" for his mentor and his pride in what they had achieved during Watford's heady run through the divisions and on to Wembiev in the late Seventies and early Eighties. The debt of the club and the community to Taylor was immense and lasting. "We went on an adventure and Graham showed that it is possible to make a football club very important to a lot of people," Ward said. "It is not just a team- it is a club and it is about caring for it. Graham and I both want to be successful, but if I can't do it I really hope they do here, because this is a lovely club with a

very good manager." Success for both seems guaranteed come May. Beaten only twice in the league, powerful and wholly committed, Watterd, the leaders, possess few frills but are on course become only the third side to plunder 100 points in a season. City, despite having failed to make it nime successive league victories, are now 12 points clear of Oldham Athletic is third place. Their rivals, surely, are already merely jostling

for play off places. Matching Watford tackle for tackle and displaying commend-able discipline. City leoked the better balanced, better passing team and, perhaps, are a slightly better bet for the title. Their goal, superbly finished by Shaun Goater in the 52nd minute after Cramb's clever touch and Page's momentary hesitation had put the transfer listed Bermudian clear, looked likely to be decisive, but a draw was eminently fair and satisfied both camps. That the Football League is even considering tagging penalty shoot-outs onto the end of such contests is scandalous.

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WATFORD (4-4-2): A Chembertain — N Glabe, R
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90), S Gooter.
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Gamble pays off for Beck working his magic

By BILL EDGAR

THE mad professor is at it again, bringing to life a corpse of a team by injecting it with his own unique characteristics and causing mayhem along the way. Three weeks ago the cry of "Eureka" could be heard as Lincoln City, through the unorthodox management of John Beck, went top of the Nationwide League third division for the first time in eight years.

This draw with Hartlepool United may have knocked them off their perch, but Lincoln remain unrecognisable from the club that lay bottom of the table when Beck arrived two years ago. Just ask their opponents.

Shrewsbury Town complained that their dressing room heating was turned up high when they visited Sincil Bank during a heatwave in August and that there was no hot water available for

Camberley Town.....

(after extra time)

BY WALTER GAMMIE

CAMBERLEY Town will travel to

Sudbury for their nineteenth cup-

tie of the season on Tuesday, the

replay of a rousing FA Carlsberg Vase third-round contest at

It was a match that the Ryman

League third division side had

seemingly won when they went 20

up after 65 minutes. Instead, they

had to salvage it. An injury-time header by Jason Heath forced extra

time after their Jewson Eastern

Counties League opponents had

Danny McGranaghan, the

Camberley manager, said: "After Lloyd's centre. The second goal that

roared back to lead 3-2.

Krooner Park on Saturday.

Sudbury Wanderers.

half-time team talk was ruined by a nearby ghetto-blaster and that Beck urged ball boys to muddy the ball before Macclesfield throw-ins. Visiting teams, apparently, have often arrived to find their chang-

ing-rooms soaked with water. Beck is also happy to inflict hardship on his own sides. He has continued to throw "wake up"



Beck: tactics causing mayhem

Camberley suffering cup overload

we went 2-0 up I was trying to

bring on a fourth defender to make

us more secure at the back and they

scored twice in a minute before I

could bring him on."

The muddling in defence that

enabled Smiles and Devereux to

bring Sudbury level proved

McGranaghan's instincts right. It

was small consolation, especially

when a second sweet left-footed

strike by Devereux put Wanderers

The last-gasp rescue act was deserved on the balance of a match

in which Camberley had much the better chances in the first half as

they exploited a Sudbury defence

shorn of its regular central defend-

ers by injury.

All Camberley had to show for it

was a goal by Tim Sills, putting away a cross-shot by Todd from

ahead with eight minutes left.

Lincoln players after long journeys before matches as he did when managing Cambridge United. The Hartlepool game in a pair of shorts in freezing conditions.

was a lucky rebound off

Harkness's knees as Howe cleared.

A manager without any wages to

dispense. McGranaghan relies on

finding youngeters. He was delighted for Sills, 17, in form and

under scrutiny, and Harkness, 18,

temporarily out of touch and in

"We are a stepping stone," McGranaghan said, seeing little prospect of the Surrey town awak-

ening to the lively football club in its midst. His hope is to keep his

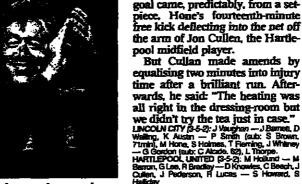
side together long enough to gain

promotion, but it is a prospect that

looks scuppered by cup overload. CAMBERLEY TOWN (3-4-3): J Gray — S Gerood, P Tippens, P Masson — R Todd, J Heeth, P Kiberes, S Lloyd — (Jupting, T Sits, P Heathness

particular need of a goal.

old fourth division to the brink of the Premier League in just over as their style of play. Their only goal came, predictably, from a set-



Lincoln's long-ball game resembles the early 1990s class at Cambridge, whose rise from the two years under Beck was as direct niece. Hone's fourteenth-minute free kick deflecting into the net off the arm of Jon Cullen, the Hartle-

But Cullan made amends by equalising two minutes into injury time after a brilliant run. Afterwards, he said: "The heating was all right in the dressing-room but their own highly

Any little-known addition to a team brings with him the promise of transformation and fulfilment. People have persuaded themselves that Brattbakk is the catalyst to turn Celtic into champions of the Bell's Scottish League premier

an able tradesman rather than a virtuoso, but his mere arrival changed the mood of the match. The stands were enlivened, the energy of the Celtic players began to climb and the sustained effort brought a goal, when Craig Burkey chested down Henrik Larsson's cross in the eightieth minute and sent a shot skipping into the net.

Brattbakk's introduction had been a precious piece of melodrama. Given that he cost £2.2 million from Rosenborg Trondheim, it was the sort of coup de théatre that Celtic, for all their means, will not be able to repeat regularly. Nonetheless, the event was a reminder that any club wishing to capture the title must first capture the imagination.

Celtic victory plan is pure theatre

THE drama of football has no room for oblique dialogue and ambiguous gestures. At a theatre such as Celtic Park, with its 50,000 crowd, only ham acting can be recognised in the back row. Showmanship is needed to stir the audience and when provided the consequences for a match can be spectacular, as Heart of Midlothi-

an found in losing 1-0 on Saturday. With a half-hour remaining and the game goalless, Celtic brought on Harald Brattbakk, their new signing, for his debut. Quick and eager to get the ball on target, the forward earned approval, but the intensity of the supporters' reaction depended less on his display than

The Norwegian may prove to be

Conviction only grows when players and fans are genuinely able to envisage success. So far this season, the contenders for the title have found confidence a slippery commodity. Although they remain at the top of the table. Hearts have dropped five points, and failed to score a goal, in their past two matches.

Rangers, too, cannot find their best form. With Brian Laudrup and Paul Gascoigne unavailable. they drew 0-0 with Dunfermline Athletic at East End Park and took small consolation in closing the gap on Hearts to a single point. Celtic, two points off the lead, remain enigmatic.

Having overwhelmed Dundee United 3-0 to take the Coca-Cola Cup, they failed even to flirt with a goal in a scoreless match with Kilmarnock six days later. It is probably a question of chronology. as frustrated supporters measure out the years since Celtic last won the premier division championship, in 1988, but those long, bitter seasons do not have relevance for the man responsible for the team's

Wim Jansen, the head coach, has been with Celtic for only five months and his side is still in the development stage. The first phase of the project appears complete, as Celtic now have a defensive record in league football bettered only by Dundee in the whole of Britain. Jansen must go on to add the dvnamism. Last season, his club sought the

answer in panache. These days, Paulo di Canio is reviled by fans who resent the ignoble episode in which he moved to Sheffield Wednesday, and Jansen is more concerned with cohesion, seeking success from the interplay of talents. On Saturday, the head coach placed three men in central midfield and Burley, knowing that a pair of colleagues would stay behind to mind the shop, was free to race forward into attack whenever he chose. Branbakk got the raucous acciaim, but Jansen's tactics merited a round of applause.

Ilkeston tickets go in a hurry

ILKESTON TOWN sold their 1,650 tickets for the FA Cup second-round replay with Scanthorpe United in

four hours yesterday. Police gave permission for the match on Wednesday to be played at the New Manor Ground despite violence in the first match, when CS gas was used for the first time in a football ground in Britain. The Dr Martens League midland division club decided not to switch the match to a

Football League groundwhere the attendance could have reached 10,000. "We feel our best chance is for Sconthorpe to play in unfamiliar surroundings, Keith Alexan-

der, the manager, said. Roy Smith, a club director, said: "We could have sold thousands more. I don't like having to tell genuine fans they can't have a ticket." Ground capacity was set at

2,350 by police and safety

officials. The record gate was

2.504 when likeston beat Boston United, of the UniBond League premier division, in the first round. It is the only time in 107

years that the Derbyshire club has appeared in the second round. The winners of the replay will travel to play Crystal Palace of the FA Carling Premiership. Scunthorpe, the Nation-

wide League third division

chib, expect to sell their alloca-

tion of 700 tickets.

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Tea-time favourite back on upward gradient

kind and yet never far from its surface, a powerful streak of sado-masochism. and in few mediums of public entertainment is this more manifest than in televised sport and what sometimes

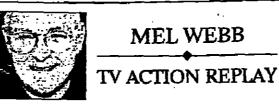
Example: the Japanese sublimate their evident pleasure in seeing ordinary folk suffer by watching programmes such as the bizarre Endurance, which calls for contestants to engage in such sick making activities as plunging their heads into transparent vats full of small, white, damp wriggly things; such fun. One could get quite worried about

their bull fighting, where the poor old bull nearly always cops it but, just sometimes, does not go to that great abattoir in the sky without sticking one of its horns through a soft and yielding part of a matador. The French, on the other hand, do not need such blood-soaked shenanigans. They've got Sacha Distel and that's quite enough pun-

ishment for anybody. So where do the British go for the vicarious thrill of watching sportspeople having Come Uppance visited upon them? They turn first to the obvious — baxing, rugby then to steeplechasing, motor racing, three-day eventing and the like, and finally to such profoundly winter sports as ice As in pretty much any sporting endeavour, when taken to its logical extreme there is something deliciously daft about skiing. Think of it for a moment. Is there any sensible reason why civilised people could wish in the name of sport to voluntarily hurtle vertiginous slopes covered in snow with their feet attached to a couple of planks.

One does not doubt for a nano second that skiing is a splendid social past-time, if only for the fact that no activity where the consumption of vast amounts of food and a Kummel induced haze by l0pm is part of its fabric can be all bad. But is it sport? Frankly, who

Ski Sunday, which started



day, has long been a reliable workhorse of the corporation's winter sport schedules. People who would not be seen within a 100 miles of Garmisch or Kitzbühel have for years switched on at about "crumpets and tea" time on a Sunday afternoon to watch a succession of highly tuned athletes clad in padded jumpsuits in unfortunate colours hurl down the piste. Quite honestly, when you've seen one Super G

you've seen them all; it would very quickly become acutely boring if it were not for the crashes because they do crash and when they do, well what could possibly be better than the satisfying feeling of scha-denfreude induced by witness-ing skiers who should do better go base over Tomba and vanish into a snow drift in a welter of entangled limbs and

Spectators at skiing ring bells and loose volleys of hoarse whoops which make them sound like a bunch of turkey cocks on experience enhancing chemicals, or perhaps the assembled gathering at a ran-dom sitting at the House of

For years Ski Sunday was presided over by David Vine, the only man with the possible exceptions of the incomparable Desmond Lyman and that old smoothy Steve Rider who could appear halfway up a ski slope in a purple, crimson and turquoise anorak and still be nattily dressed.

Vine knew his stuff, or if he did not, he did some pretty heavy duty research. But as the years went by the cold

Vine, and now he has done the sensible thing and retired back to the sanctuary of the studio and the more peaceful click of snooker balls, to be replaced by Hazel Irvine.

Irvine, one of an increasing number of highly proficient female television sport pre-senters, climbed into her polychrome Parka for her debut yesterday, and a smooth and professional job she made of it in a new-look programme. port of the imperturbable Ju-

commenting on grand state occasions or, as here, the men's World Cup downhill from Beaver Creek in the

Tutt was also seen sitting in a Formula One Jordan in an item which put British skiers.
Andrew Freshwater and Graham Bell, in a wind tunnel. Irvine did a feature on Picabo Street, one of the best women alpinists. With the Winter Olympics only a couple of months away this was a promising start for an old favourite. And yes, there was one splendid crash; thank you. Cary Mullen, of Canada, it was a classic of its kind. But did it do anything to make one want to climb up a mountain to spectate in person? Not really — given the choice, Crumpet-butter down the chin still beats snow down the neck

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Dramatic irony is lost on Sheffield Wednesday's singing supporters as fate deals a hammer blow

Lesson in leaving nothing to chants

il tell you what Sheffield Wednesday supporters could do to make me happy. They could curb this reckless practice of singing "You'll never beat Des Walker". On Saturday afternoon at Upton Park, Wednesday held out against West Ham United's attack right up until the 68th minute. They scrapped; they rallied; they kicked.

Petter Rudi shuttled manfully athwart the midfield; Paulo Di Canio doodled with pointless flashery in the margins and, best of all, Kevin Pressman, the goalkeeper, dived, punched, headed and generally gave the rather magnificent impression that bullets would bounce off his brave chest. True, the team performance had the desperate, improvised air of someone patching a roof with newspaper, but it was OK. All seemed set for a 0-0 draw, until . . . Oh, God. "You'll never beat Des Walker" - that's what.

Trained in the rules of dramatic irony from earliest youth, I just cannot stand this fate-tempting fied with "You didn't beat Des Walker? That's all they mean. after all. Have they really never watched celluloid cowboys riding out of town, promising to be back Tuesday sundown - as i did. every Sunday afternoon of my

"I ain't niver gonna let yew go. darlin' Clem!" a youth in chaps calls as he gathers his reins. "I'm gonna git yew the finest ribbons in Laramie for yer purty hair!" At which, my mum would speak for all of us - "That's him for the chop, then" - and we would wait the requisite 24 seconds for the ululations of ambush and, soon after, the close-up of the dead man's hand releasing Clem's Laramie ribbons into the swirling dust. This is such a strange time for

Wednesday, though, that I sup-pose you can understand a bit of

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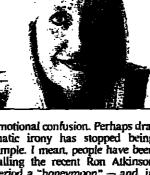


matic irony has stopped being simple. I mean, people have been calling the recent Ron Atkinson some ways, it might be worth dropping a match or two, just to dispel a mental suggestion as grisly as that of Ron and the team with a champagne bucket and a "Do Not Disturb" sign swinging permanently on the door.

hoss. But it had to end somewhere, and in a way it is a relief. So why not invoke the gods by singing "You'll never beat Des Walker"? After all, it's guaranteed foolproof. Cue mounted Indians silhouetted on the horizon and Paul Kitson taking a 20-yard shot that deflects off Newsome and curls into the net to win the match 1-0.

The great thing about football. of course, is that the same score can mean so many different





Wednesday players have been

displaying loads of preternatural pluck in their past four games to make a good impression on the



things. Take 0-0. At the euphoric end of the scale, the goalless draw can mean the ultimate glory of Italy v England in Rome. This scoreline can also provide - as it did on the first occasion that I saw Wednesday v West Harn in the most lacklustre of matches at Hillsborough — a quite persuasive argument for justifiable suicide.

On Saturday, there was a third type of goalless draw on offer neither a beautiful feat of containment nor an ugly, boring mudstruggle, but something in between. Here was a scrappy, energetic containment of a West Ham side that last year won this fixture 5-1. And it was not without interest for a single moment.

But is Di Canio a brilliant player, as advertised? In Scotland, they named him Player of the Year, thus placing him above Brian Laudrup — quite an acco-lade. He came with a high price tag and, somewhere in his career. he evidently won the right to wear fancy boots and short shorts and to look like Will Self without anybody mentioning it.

ut I don't like him. I have to say, I just don't. Having displaced Benito Carbone as Wednesday's resident overt Latin (Carbone has shaved all his hair off, so as not to compete), Di Canio obviously has moments of flair - as in the match against Barnsley last Monday. But the tightness of his shorts affects his temper and, personally, I can't stand the way that he diddles back and forth with the ball when

"I'm going this way - fooled you, no I'm not, look at me." Di Canio's strength of knee and thigh evidently lets him keep changing direction, turning on sixpences. feigning, doubling back, swivelling. This sort of footwork is, of course, impressive, but it gets tiresome very quickly. "This way I go! But I change my mind! Look at this control! Ha, ha — see! All are looking at me, yet I go absolutely

nowhere and achieve nothing!" As my impatience mounts with Di Canio's twinkle-toes. I remember how Indiana Jones shot that big Arab with the flashy scimitartricks in the market. Oh for heaven's sake. Di Canio, pass the ball or get off the pitch. (Bang!) What Big Ron sees when he looks at the squad is hard to guess, except that he doesn't seem to see

Patrick Blondeau, the former AS Monaco defender, at all. Can Blondeau still be injured? Or does Ron always leave him out? You can imagine him looking at Blondeau after the team selection for each game with the same shifty "How did that happen?" expression as a car mechanic with a pile of left-over nuts and bolts.

What must certainly be visible to him, however, is that just as Di Canio is masterly at reducing the available space around himself, Rudi somehow contrives the opposite condition - to run wild and free. And of course he sees as who does not? - that after several weeks of appalling defeats, Pressman's commitment to goaldefence is now so impassioned that it is clearly bordering on the

Whether to laugh or cry was the quandary afterwards. Last season, the same fixture was humiliating. David Hirst was sent off, if memory serves, and West Ham were near the bottom of the league and having language problems with their foreign players. Saturday was, therefore, a great improvement as far as Wednesday were concerned - except for the obvious objection that the points ended up divided in precisely the same manner as before.

One day Walker will stop in his tracks and say to the crowd: "Don't ." sing that never-beat-Des-Walker thing any more! It makes me nervous, OK? But, until that day, the rest of us can only hope that the fans see a lot more cowboy films on the telly and learn the lessons, therein.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Importance of Maktoums

From Mr Steve Miller Sir. The inevitable has arrived in the shape of Sheikh Mohammed's addresss to the Gimerack dinner at York (report, December 10). His speech was both exhilarating and fearful.

It was exhilarating, in that the Sheikh eloquently crystal-ised the position of all owners of thoroughbred racehorses in this country. large and small. something which the British Horseracing Board under the leadership of Lord Wakeham has failed to achieve. It was fearful, in that the withdrawal of patronage (this is not too strong a word) of the Maktoum family would leave racing in this country, which is still the envy of the world, in a near terminal state.

Following the dramatic scaling down of other racing empires in this country, such as that of Robert Sangster, the stark fact of the matter is that the Maktoum family not only underpins but virtually carries the racing industry in this country squarely on its shoulders. The quality and variety of thoroughbred racing in Britain is due not to the Queen, nor the Government, but to the Maktoum family.

in my own modest capacity

as a racehorse owner, I have received a return on my investment of less than ten per cent from four thoroughbreds, two of which have won races in the past three seasons. While I did not enter into racehouse ownership with the expectation of making money, by anyone's standards this is a woefully small return, for what must be considered at least modestly successful horses.

Sheikh Mohammed and his brothers have shown admirable restraint over the past 20 years. His speech has been a long time coming and he is not a man to make idle threats. If they are ignored, the consequences will shake the racing industry in this country to its foundations. It remains to be seen if these foundations are in a fit state to be built up if the Maktoums decide to abandon us to our own devices. STEVE MILLER.

32 St Andrew's Road. Enfield, Middlesex. From Mr Clive Rodley Sir, Despite Lord Rothschild's comments in the 1978 Royal Commission on Gambling. and the general tone of the Home Affairs Select Commit-

tee Report in 1991, racing remains hooked on subsidy. The Horserace Betting Levy stimulates an oversupply of fixtures which dilutes horseracing's appeal. Too many bad meetings are staged sim-

New Zealand observes qualification rules

From Mr Keith Quinn

Sir, Tom Williamson (Sports Letters, December 8) objects to the process of qualification for the All Blacks rugby team, questioning the right of Jonah Lomu, Frank Bunce and others to play for New Zealand because of their Tongan and Samoan descent.

Both players he mentions were born in New Zealand, so there must surely be no objection to them playing for the All Blacks. The two have lived all of their lives in New Zealand.

Using Mr Williamson's logic he must also question the right of Adedayo Adebayo, Steve Ojomoh and Victor Ubogu (all born in Nigeria) playing for England. How about Tony Underwood (born in Malaysia) and many other England players of the past born offshore? Indeed, two members of the most recent England team which drew with the All Blacks at Twickenham were born offshore (Ireland and Canada), and there are two New Zealanders on the current England team's coaching

In addition, two New Zealand-born players, Shane Howarth and Simon Mannix, were reportedly asked by England to be considered to play against the All Blacks!

Rugby is a delicious and unquestioned mix of Polynesian and Caucasian cultures in New Zealand where the game has done immeasurable good in making harmonious race rela-tions. And New Zealand rugby applies the qualification rules for its international players, exactly as laid down by the International Rugby Football Board.

Yours etc., KEITH QUINN, 63 Wyndrum Avenue,

oly to maximise the Levy and to gratify bookmakers. The result is low attendances and poor racing.

Though operating like a Soviet-style command economy, racing's nomenclatura largely comprises high Tory disciples of market forces people who oppose subvention for others. This hypocrisy is compounded by social injustice: Levy funds flow upwards, from the betting shop classes to rich owners and trainers, Reform will never come from

within, where all the power

brokers are beneficiaries.

Only Government can make a difference. If racing were de-nied the Levy it would be forced into creating a more efficient and attractive specia-tor sport. Those of us who love the game but despair of its

governance will be grateful. The Conservatives yielded to special pleading and thus nurtured a fat, spoilt racing industry. What irony if it were a Labour Governmentthat took racing from perpetu-al, subsidised, bleating tick-over to dynamic, market-led self-sufficiency. All they have to do is scrap the Levy.

Yours sincerely.
CLIVE RODLEY, 16 Milton Avenue, Eaton Ford. St Neots. Huntingdon. Cambridgeshire. cliverodley@intecc.co.uk

Cheap alternative

From Mr Geoffrey Bubb Sir. What an expensive and unnecessary posing charade was the World Cup finals draw held in Marseilles. A dozen urchins from the back streets of Brum, armed

Referees in need of help

From Mr Michael Gould

Sir. It is a sad reflection on present rugby legislation when David Hands (December 8) has to refer to England's lineout performance against the All Blacks at Twickenham

as "a disaster". The facts are that England failed to win possession from all 16 New Zealand throws and lost possession on two of their own nine. As a lineout occurs often as a result of excellent defensive play or clever tactical kicking outside the 22 it seems that the balance has swung too heavily against

the side conceding the throw. Surely a lineout should be a more equitable contest lest it becomes as cynical an exercise as the set scrums when all but the most blatant crooked putins are now ignored. As the penalty for conceding a throw should be the lesser (for no

with marked bingo balls and an old sack would have achieved the same results for nothing.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY BUBB. 38 Berkeley Drive. Kingswinford.

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hether a throw is straight? They are in a far better position than the referee to judge whether a throw is crooked and, if my eyes are to be believed, from watching all four England internationals this season this could result in

the lineout being a far more

equal contest. MICHAEL GOULD, 2 High Street, Midsomer Norton,

From Mr Anthony Wells Sir, Having read the some what mischievous, even malicious, commentaries in the English newspapers after the England v South Africa match, I can assure the English camp that, as far as the cognoscenti in France (who love "the beautiful game") are concerned. England reached

unprecedented heights during their sumptuous encounter with the All Blacks. Listening to Serge Blanco, the former France captain. unashamedly roaring encouragement to England in the final few minutes, as he gave

live commentary for tele-vision, says it all for me. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY W. WELLS, Mas Le Galounei, 30360 Vezenobres, France,

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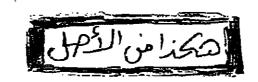


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Frozen assets can produce golden dividend

DAVID POWELL

on the team hoping to sweep all before them

overwhelming urge he feels to lead Great Britain towards its first Winter Olympics gold medal since Torvill and Dean's ice dance triumph 13 years ago, Dougie Dryburgh would be serving as an RAF squadron leader in the Falkland Islands. Far happier he is, though, giving orders to men carrying brooms. Promotion from flight lieutenant can wait.

On Dryburgh's instructions, his men sweep frantically in front of a stone gliding on ice, persuading it towards its target. An odd thing for men to be doing, but a necessary part of curling, which becomes a full medal sport at the Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, in February.

Hardly at all since Ravel's Bolero accompanied T and D to golden glory in 1984 has there been a sound from within the British camp at Winter Olympics to tremble the opposition. At the Nagano curling rink, though. Scottish accents should do the trick. The Scots invented "the roarin' game", socalled because of the noise a curling stone makes as it travels, and they still hold their place among

the world's leading four nations. We are after the gold medal or it is failure for us," Peter Wilson, of the Dryburgh team, said - which is how they regarded their bronze medals at the European championships here in Füssen, in southem Germany, on Saturday. Representing Scotland, they defeated Sweden, the world champions, in the third-place play-off, but Dryburgh found defeat by Germany in the semi-finals harder to swallow than if he had tried to pop a playing stone into his mouth.

We are better than they are," Dryburgh said. "On an even keel, we would beat them. They had home advantage and it is like football in that respect." The Germans, Füssen-based, thrashed beaten Scotland on the last stone. It was a match so tight that Martyn Deakin, the England skip, said: The difference between Scotland and Germany was like the difference between you and me standing here, seeing which one of

The Dryburgh team - a flight lieutenant, a farmworker, a contracts manager and a chemical salesman - earned the right to represent Britain in Nagano by winning a domestic qualifying



Stone-cold certainties: Dryburgh's aim and the assistance of Napier, left, and Wilson helped to secure bronze medals at the European championships on Saturday

tournament. So determined was Dryburgh that, even before the tournament, he rejected promotion. Sport is in his blood. His father, Jack, was Britain's leading ice hockey scorer for four seasons. His mother, Jacquie, was runnersional skating championships.

"I could be a squadron leader in the Falkland Islands watching my boys picking up a gold medal in Nagano - no thanks," Dryburgh said. "There are fewer Olympic champions than there are squadron leaders." And few men in the game with Dryburgh's steely nerve. Against Norway, in the quarter-finals, Scotland were heading for defeat, but won by

iron will. "They never give up, they al-

ways come back, fighting, fighting," Kristian Sorum, the Norway coach, said. "They will be in the medals in Nagano." Silver or bronze might not satisfy Dryburgh, but even that would be cause for celebration at the British

Since 1984, only Nicky Gooth, with a bronze for short track speed

CUPLING becomes an official Olympic sport at the Winter Gemes in February. Long associated with Scotland, where the first evidence of the geme was found in the 16th century, the sport is run by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

It is a game of skill and wits, played by teams of four who take it in turns to slide the 42to, round granite stone almost 40 metres down a sheet of ice towards the

skating, and Torvill and Dean, with a bronze, have won winter medals for Britain. That the world recognises Dryburgh's team as front-line challengers for Nagano should leave those charged with distributing National Lottery World Class Performance Plan is

THE AIM OF THE GAME — A GUIDE TO CURLING

"house". The sheet is a lane at least 4.75 metres wide and the house a series of concentric circles, the centre of which is the "button". A game consists of ten ends.

Each member of the team has two stones to curl per end and the object is to complete each end with as many of your team's eight stones closer to the centre of the house than any of the opposition's. One point is scored for each closest stone.

to improve Britain's results at Olympic level, but has Dryburgh's team been given the backing it needs? These are, after all, true amateurs, not the wealthy professionals found in some Olympic sports. The answer disgraces the rassment. The prime aim of the World Class Performance Plan is to mine," Dryburgh said. "One of

> Each team has a skip, who stands near the house and tells his colleagues what to aim for and when to polish the ice in front of the stone with brushes. Sweeping the ice allows the stone to travel faither. The noise produced by the stone gives the sport its southriquet of the roaring game. The Royal Caledonian Curling Club, Caimle House, Ingliston, Edinburgh EH28 2NB (0131-333 3003).

the top teams got £32,000, so we are a bit miffed."

The money was allocated before the conclusion of the Olympic qualifying tournament but, since then. Dryburgh's team has made a second application. Two months United Kingdom Sports Council (UKSC) spokesman said on Friday that money was on its way. Too late to allow them to play in a tournament in Switzerland in January. Instead, the team has only domestic competition between

now and Nagano. They have ended up with egg on their face," Dryburgh said of the UKSC. They should have a procedure for a quick fix." One which would have enabled the team to enter the Swiss tourna-

they could afford no more unpaid leave. We genuinely believe we are going to win gold medals in Nagano," Ronnie Napier, one of the team, said, "but, irrespective of whether we win gold or bronze, the medal prospect is there. No disrespect to any other British sportsman, be it tobogganing or speed skating, but where else are we going to get a medal from

Switzerland would have provided competition for a team that has one perceived weakness: lack of international experience. "People within the sport think we maybe got lucky to win the Olympic qualifier." Napier said. "The money would allow us to gain the international experience people

are suggesting we do not have."

Canada will be favourites to win the men's gold medal, with Britain, Germany and Sweden joint second favourites. In this case, Britain means Scotland. Few in England play the game. There are no rinks south of the border and Stephen Hinds, the England player, has to travel 400 miles to his nearest curling sheet, from

Chalfont St Giles to Lockerbie. Scotland, never out of the medals in the past eight world championships, has 20,000 curlers. If they get in Canada's hair at Nagano, it will be an achievement. "We are outnumbered," Jim Henry, of the Royal Caledonian Club, the

'Britain's curlers will be among the favourites at the Winter Olympics'

game's worldwide mother club, said. "Canada have 20,000 in some cities alone."

The Royal Caledonian has its roots in the Grand Caledonian. formed in Edinburgh in 1838. In 1843. Oueen Victoria granted the club royal patronage after a demonstration of curling on the pol-ished floor of the Scone Palace ballroom. A fact sheet on the rink wall in Füssen in states that "the first evidence of curling was found in Scotland in the 16th century," knocking down claims of ownership from Holland.

Curling is a game of skill and wits, if little athleticism, played in teams of four. "A cold-blooded sport, no physical contact, all to do with the mind," Dryburgh said more snooker than ice hockey. with lots of shouting as the skip

barks instructions to his sweepers. The object is to complete each end with one of your team's eight house [circular target] than any of the opposition's. Sweeping the ice can assist a stone's passage by up

"Can you imagine being Olympic champion?" Dryburgh asks while his brother, James, the reserve, laughs at the name of the German skip, Andy Kapp. Andy Capp would never have been caught with a broom in his hand. But then, Britain's best-known cartoon layabout never had an Olympic dream.

New programme gives under-fives a top start to life of fun and games

JUST how young should children be to practise a national programme of organised play? From this month. children as young as three are taking part in Top Start. the latest in a package of activities transforming PE lessons and sport in British schools.

Top Start is aimed at nursery schools, crèche facilities and out-of-school care clubs for children between three and five years old.

This is not a state development of the kind common to some former communist countries in Europe. Instead, it encourages and directs the natural movement and delight in play of most children. The programme links with Top Play (for children between

four and nine) and Top Sport (seven to 11) for older children in more than 6,000 schools. Steve Grainger, of the Youth Sport Trust, which has introduced the three schemes, said: We are building a complete pathway through sport. Too often in the past things in education have been done in

separate chunks." Nursery schools receive a wide range of equipment, which is light and bright, stimulating and handled easi-Iv by youngsters.

Bean bags look like model frogs, turtles or ladybirds. The balls have different textures. The specially designed scarves will take a long time to fall to the ground after being thrown in the air. There are plastic and rubber markers which children can use imaginative-

ly for stepping games.

Anyone watching pupils at
Barry Lower School in Northampton last week, in one of their three weekly PE lessons. would have been struck by their pleasure in the activities.

John Goodbody looks at a national scheme designed to encourage the

natural abilities of youngsters

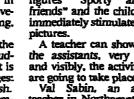
One of the teachers, Angie Mathews, said: "Here is something that is specifically designed for under-fives. It is not a watered-down version of what older children do."

After a "Humpty-Dumpty" warm-up session. during which Mathews asks the class to tell her the benefits of the exercises, the children revel in the different activities. Working individually, in pairs or in groups, they learn basic movements and practise balancing.

aiming and hitting a ball.

The activities also help the pupils in their academic studies. Some of the equipment is numbered in three languages: English, French and Spanish. The colourful cards accompanying the Top Start equip-

ment centre on little cartoon



Children under five at Barry Lower School are among the first to practise their ball and jumping skills in the Youth Sport Trust scheme. Photographs: Paul Rogers



figures "Sporty and his friends" and the children are

the assistants, very quickly and visibly, the activities that

immediately stimulated by the A teacher can show any of

are going to take place.

Val Sabin, an advisory teacher in Northampton who designed the cards, said: "This is a scheme for which nurserties easier or how to make

them harder." At Barry Lower School, which has 238 pupils between the ages of four and nine, plus 32 places in the nursery, there is a special unit for children with physical disabilities. However, there is still total integration for them within

the mainstream classes. All these children have support staff alongside them who can help in the use of the cards, on which are written specific details for aiding pupils with disabilities.

Barry Lower School aiready enjoys an excellent reputation in PE. Most nursery schools do not possess their own gymnasiums. PE lessons invariably take place either in the classroom or in the playground.

Barry Lower is fortunate in imaginatively landscaped playground. But Ingrid Lemon, the head teacher, said: Top Start will still add something. It is motivating for both staff and pupils."

The school is one of the first

of 70 to have taken the product cards and introduced the programme this month. They are paying for it themselves. The scheme will grow even faster across the country when a sponsor is found. As Grainger said: "In the

Top Start programme we are training to give youngsters that essential introduction. We are capturing the first moment of their sporting careers."

Details of the scheme from: The Youth Sport Trust, Rutland Building, Loughborough Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU.

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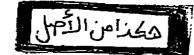
HILL, BRACKEN, DIPROSE & GREWCOCK LINE OUT AT HARRODS ON THURSDAY.

This Thursday 18th December, four current England Internationals from Saracens Rugby Club will be visiting the Cotton Oxford area of the Harrods Sports Department between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Richard Hill, Kyran Bracken, Tony Diprose and Danny Grewcock will be signing autographs and chatting about England's recent performances and the forthcoming Five Nations Tournament. Arrive early, there's bound to be a bit of a scrum.

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'It was a shatteringly sober moment for those who take the game so seriously'

Injury represents real sporting tragedy

Gerald Davies on the disturbing incident

that put Gwyn Jones in hospital and rugby in perspective

ardiff Arms Park air. grim and harrowing. There is only one kind of tragedy in sport. Neither a team's failure nor a team's weakness is tragic, as some would have us believe. Nor is the loss of national pride through a defeat. These are mere disappointments, per-haps even a joke played against absurd expectations.

Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, when Gwyn Jones's life seemed to be at risk. In the eleventh minute of the first half. as Cardiff moved upfield. their flanker, the Wales captain, was left prostrate after a ruck on his own ten-metre line. There was no sign of any movement, which echoed the heart-rending moment on March 28, 1976, when Mervyn Davies, the Wales captain and No 8, who was playing for Swansea against Pontypool in a cup semi-final at Cardiff, collapsed after suffering a brain haemorrhage.

Jones, 25, remained in the care of neurosurgeons at the University Hospital in Cardiff, last night. His father, Alan. a doctor, said: "Gwyn has suffered a serious neck injury which left him with some numbness in his limbs. He is being intensively investigated in hospital under the care of a neurosurgeon. We hope things will become clearer over the course of the next week. It is too early to give a definitive long-term prognosis.

A oft, 15st flanker, Jones was appointed captain of Wales in the summer and has led them to five wins in six matches. He made his international debut

in 1996 against Italy. Sport is an arena of extremes: of pleasure and displeasure, of pain and of fun, of exaggerated emotions and impossible ambitions. Some emotions are more instinctively true than others. We know what joy is in sport. We understand what inspires the rejoicing cheers. We are



Jones, who suffered a severe neck injury on Saturday, leads Wales out at Wembley for the match against New Zealand two weeks ago

is so much part of our lives.

But nothing can be so disenchanting as the disablement of

superficial seriousness that we

attach to the game and its

Jenkins, the Swansea captain,

had to leave the field because

his father suffered a heart

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This was not all. Garin

moved by the exhilaration of what we see - a goal, a try. Our heroes running and playing at their best. This is not at all absurd. We cannot help

ourselves in our delight. It is at the other end that matters get out of hand, slightly off-key and not quite honest. Losing arouses false emotions. The anguish can never touch us so deeply as pleasure can elate us at the other extreme. Let us not talk of the tragedy of failure or the heartache of missed opportunities. Losing can be made to seem so

dramatic. Tragedy cannot be devalued in this way.

Tragedy in sport is what happens as silence descends on a stadium, as it did on Saturday, when a body lies motionless; when the doctors are summoned, the stretcher is called and the ambulance speeds its way. Gwyn Jones, a medical student, may not be able to move again. We must way that Mervyn Davies did. It was a shatteringly sober moment for those of us who, at

invigorating nature of sport ed that he was in a "stable" and the intoxication of the The game, after all this, did contest, take it so seriously. It

not matter much. Swansea won 31-22. Cardiff's two late tries gave the score a respectthe gifted man in his prime and so disabusive of that ability that they hardly de-served. This may get to mean a good deal at some stage of the season, but not on Saturday. A chill sent a shiver down my spine and made me weak, thinking of things that might have been. But the lure of rugby and of sport generally is too great at the time and beyond worry.

SCORIERS: Cardist: Tries: G Thomas 2 (76min, 81) Penalty goals: Javas 4 (15, 36, 40, 53). Swansea: Tries: Appleyand (23), Gibbs (60), Davies (67). Conversions: A Thomas 2. Penalty goals: A Thomas 4 (8, 17, 32, 42)

Students ready piellall to catch 11 to catch the carnival mood

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

IT IS an intense programme. but the 16 squads of 25 students that will be competing in the inaugural Times Student European Rugby Championship, starting to-day, can look forward to a week of excitement. This week sees four pools of four univer-sity squads brought together in Durham, Toulouse, Cardiff and Cork, each playing three matches in five days for the right to progress into the semi-finals of the tournament next month.

The venture was conceived two years ago by Len Harty. of University College, Cork, and Bob Reeves, of Bristol University. Since then the two, along with Ted Wood, of Durham University, have moved mountains to set up the competition, which is a velcome fillip to a university rugby circuit hard hit by professionalisation. Today sees the initial fruition of their work and it is hoped that European rugby will shortly enjoy yet more produce from

We can expect to see a carnival of unaffected rugby, played with the proverbial will no doubt be facilitated by the liberating circumstances in which the players find themselves. The prospect of travelling to a corner of Europe for a week spent in the company of like-minded students would, in itself, wield a the most blinkered of young nen in the modern game.

Toulouse is probably the pick of the four places to be. Toulouse University will shut down for the week and crowds of 10,000 are expected. Here there will be a ferocious challenge from Loughborough, perennially at or near the top of the student order, and Northumbria.

Cork is also liable to lay on a week of high jinks. Oxford, who are taking their stronges squad available, have a handful of injuries from the University match and will face their sternest challenge from the home team, which is the strongest side in Ireland. A young Bristol side will play a characteristically high-tem

po game. Durham are another young side, but enduring a poor season. They will be invaded by a strong, but injury-stricken, Trinity College, Dublin, squad, an unknown quantity in Roma, and the dangerous Swansea, who are probably favourites in an open group. The other group is likely to be dominated by the home

team. Cardiff Institute, who play their Saturday matches in the first division of the Welsh League, but they will have to deal with the threat of Exeter, who are having a fine

Whatever the outcome, the amount of skill, will be in evidence. The modern game in Europe can only benefit from such healthy and uncomplicated energies.

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• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

One of the many advantages of splinter bids is that if the splinterer subsequently doubles the opponents, his partner will know that the double is not based on trump tricks. This is a hand from the 1995 Crans-sur-Sierre teams tournament.

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Contract: Five Spades by South. Lead: three of clubs

 Many players would open this hand. As those of you who have read my Refresher columns will know, when you are considering opening on mar-ginal hands an important factor is whether you will be able to show all your suits. In this instance, if you open One Diamond you will have to rebid Two Diamonds over Two Clubs, thus giving a misleading impression of your hand type.

Better is to pass. If the opponents bid clubs you can show your hand by making a take-out double. If your partner bids a major you can make a splinter bid, with the safety factor that you have limited your hand by your initial pass. And finally, if your parmer's principal suit is clubs, you will

have kept the bidding low on a

2) Sub-minimum even by tournament standards. Negative. 4) Splinter - as Three Clubs would also be showing club

shortage and spade support, Four Clubs shows a void club with spade support. 5) Now quite safe for me to double — it just announces that within the limits of what I have shown so far I have good

6) Not wanting to defend, although Five Clubs does go one off with the spades 2-2. Five Spades went two off.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes un bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Favourites toppled In the Fide (World Chess

Federation) championship at Groningen, Holland, several of the favourites have already been eliminated. Vassily Ivanchuk went out to Yasser Seirawan, Veselin Topalov lost to Jeroen Piket and Judit Polgar was beaten by Zoltan

Meanwhile, the three remaining British grandmasters all progressed to the next stage. Adams triumphed over Giorgi Giorgadze, Short elimi-nated Viktor Korchnoi and Sadler defeated Jaan Ehlvest. White: Michael Adams Black: Giorgi Giorgadze

Fide world championship Groningen. December 1997 Ruy Lopez

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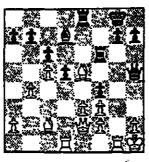
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

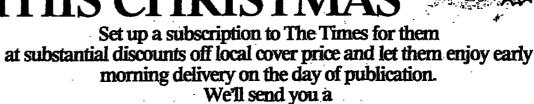
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RUGBY UNION: SHELL-SHOCKED BATH MUST REGROUP FOR HEINEKEN CUP SEMI-FINAL NEXT WEEKEND

Pienaar takes Saracens forward

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TO BEAT Bath is one thing. To score 50 points against them, which no one had done since the introduction of league rugby ten years ago, is quite another and it left the pride of the West Country club in tatters at Vicarage Road yesterday, six days before they play Pau in the semi-finals of

the Heineken Cup.
In passing, if anyone had doubted it before, Saracens confirmed themselves as genuine contenders for the Allied Dunbar Premiership title. Unbeaten now in seven games and top of the table, they have been waiting for a month to do this to someone and 10,658 by far their best attendance were there to appreciate it.

"We have taken some sniping in the last year or so, about the vision we have, about leaving Southgate and then Enfield, but today is a good staging post," Mark Evans. the Saracens director of rugby, said. "People said Watford would be like a mausoleum but we had people on three sides and, hopefully, many of them will come back.

Some said that people like Michael Lynagh and Francois Pienaar were here for a pension but their performances have shown that's nonsense. Few players were more influential yesterday, the one for his calm control and ability to , draw the best from his threequarters, the other for his tigerish tackling and the direction he gives to his forwards.

Pienaar, the Saracens player-coach, has been striving to put width on his club's game and here was evidence of his success. All of a sudden, players such as Richard Wallace are men reborn: the Ireland wing ran in two tries, the first before the interval, which confirmed Saracens's supremacy and left Andy Robinson, of Bath, struggling to

explain his team's decline.

We will work hard to lift the pace of our game but today



Daniel, of Saracens, steps through the tackle of Nicol, the Bath captain, and heads for the line at Vicarage Road yesterday. Photograph: Gill Allen

 the pace, the tackle, movement off the ball," Robinson, who hopes that Mike Catt and Adedayo Adebayo will be fit next weekend, said. So much was evident in the first quarter, when Bath failed to pinion Daniel and Bracken sent Johnson, the South Africa full back, over the line for a try on

Yet Bath, with 13 internationals against Saracens's 12, had no reason to panic; Callard nibbled back with three penalty goals and Paul Wallace, the Ireland prop,

limped off, leaving the stage to his brother. Hardly had Callard narrowed the gap to four points than Hill collected a rebound at the restart, the Saracens centres chimed in and Richard Wallace wound his way through a crowd of defenders for his first try.

The introduction of Regan did little to curb Bath's pro pensity for losing the ball in contact, and no sooner had the hooker arrived than Saracens scored again. Chuter carried the ball forward and Pienaar

That Regan was driven over from a close-range lineout made little difference as Saracens piled on the agony: Evans, with 70 metres to go, erupted onto a dropped ball by Daniel only to be called back when Brian Campsall awarded offside against Bath. Lynagh took a quick tap, his front row joined in and Daniel gleefully crossed the line.

The New Zealander was also involved in the London club's final score: he created the ruck from which Lynagh and Diprose gave Johnson

just enough space to cross for his second. The standard has levelled up." Evans said as he watched the ruin of Bath's Premiership season (they have now lost three of their six matches). "We had the most boring duopoly in the land: if Bath didn't win it Leicester did. But now you have sides like ourselves and Newcastle helping make it a strong premiership." As it happens, Leicester are the next visitors to Vicarage Road, on Boxing Day - if that does not pull the patrons back, nothing will.

SCORERS: Serecons: Tries: Johnson 2 (14mn, 70), R Wallace 2 (20, 36), Pavenscroft (42), Deniel (59), Conversions: Lyraph 4 (5, 21, 35, 48), Berlin Tries: Regan (45), Bulland (61) Convensions: Callard 2 Penelty goals: Cellard 3 (8, 18, 30).

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Newcastle get in the swing for Europe

Newcastle Falcons 37 Gloucester

By Kevin Ferrie

WITH one eye on the visit to Agen next weekend for the European Conference semifinal, Rob Andrew, the Newcastle Falcons director of rugby, took the opportunity to rest five frontline players. Looking longer term, how-ever, the true significance of this performance may be the demonstration of strength in depth, providing a powerful indication of the capacity to sustain a title challenge right through this season.

The scoreline suggests that Newcastle were pushed all the way at Kingston Park, yet there was never any feeling that their 100 per cent league record was under threat.

Indeed if their player/ manager delivered any sort of tongue-lashing to his men afterwards it would only be for failing to make his job easier by scoring their tries closer to the posts. The cheer that greeted Rob Andrew's conversion of Gary Armstrong's second try was as sarcastic as the mock sympathy from the stands earlier when Chris Catling, the Gloucester full back, gingerly checked for blood after a high tackle.

They are a tough lot in Newcastle and even their eader is not safe from the treatment. After all, he had missed his previous five shots at goal, taking over again only after Stuart Legg's second failed conversion attempt was hooked along the ground. That statistic, more than

any other, is what flattered Gloucester. Not only because Newcastle failed to extract the maximum from their own efforts, but because it also maintained the interest of the men from the South West. A try count of 7-3 was, however, a much fairer reflection of their superiority. After Gloucester briefly claimed an early lead, Armstrong's opportunism, pouncing on ill-directtry for the man at the heart of Newcastle's forward effort, player-coach Dean Ryan, sei

It was a surprise when Gloucester drew level through the award of a penalty try for collapsing a scrum. Two personal triumphs put Newcastle comfortably in control at the interval. The approach of Richard Metcalfe to the game has been intensified after his mother's recent death and the 7ft lin player was impressive in the first half. He came onto the ball unstoppably at the base of a

close-range ruck to score. Shortly afterwards Tony Underwood was put into the left corner by fellow Lion Alan Tait's floated pass to mark his comeback in style, having suffered a knee injury on the opening day of the league season in August.

In the second half Paul Vanzandvliet bulldozed his way over and Legg took the scoring pass from Naylor's replacement, John Bentley, to finish a fine move, before the Armstrong finished what he had started, driving over from a five-metre scrumm.

Gloucester deserved their second half tries from Chris Catling and his replacement, Rob Jewell, on his debut, but they were facing a class side, whose only real cause concern was a collar-bone injury to England lock Garath Archer,

Wer, 72min), R Metcalle, P Walto Lam, 65), R Amold, D Ryan. Lam, 65), N Amolo, D Hyan. GLOUCESTER: C Cating (rep. R Jawell 80), B Johnson, T Fanolua, R Tombs, A Lumsden, M Mapletoff, S Benton, A Windo, N McCarthy, P Victary, R Fictor (rep: A Hazell, 80), M Comwell, P Glanvilla, N

Leicester go with youth

By DAVID HANDS

LAST May, Leicester ended their league season in a haze of misty-eyed fatigue after playing eight games in 32 days, the last of them against Sale when a taut draw gave them a place in Europe. This month brings back echoes of that treadmill. with five Allied Dumbar Premiership games scheduled within 18 days, but Leicester's form could not be better.

That's one of the best performances I have seen from a club side since I have been in England," John Mitchell, the Sale director of rugby, said, aware of the irony involved. Mitchell, as the England assistant coach, has been preparing Martin Johnson, Darren Garforth: Graham Rowntree and the rested Richard Cockerill for the past month - paying, indeed, rather more attention to Leicester's forwards than he has been able to do to his own. But the significance for Leicester in only their fourth

Premiership game was the display not only of their internationals but of the youngsters, who have been plying their trade in the Cheltenham and Gloucester Cup. Dorian West reminded more than 10,000 people why he won England A caps at hooker last season and the young flankoutstanding.

The average age Leicester's back row was under 21, evidence of far greater strength in depth than last season. No Serevi, no Joiner, Cockerill, Back or Corry - internationals all yet the team that stood third in the first division on Saturday morning came crashing to their worst defeat against Leicester. But there was ambition, creativity and moments of high skill and drama.

Time after time Leicester's tight forwards carried the ball up, no one better than Gran Rowntree.

Sale's lineout, usually so effective against Leicester, was blown away in the first half, Finz van Heerden marking



ers. Lewis Moody, 19. and his debut with a stream of

Two of Leicester's seven tries were outstanding in any commany: the first scored by Gustard, was a wonderful example of back-row play, Miller taking the ball to the blind side of a scrum, Hamilton and Healey combining before sleight of hand by Miller and Moody sent the blind-side flanker over.

The second, scored by Horak stemmed from his own 22 when Stransky, moments after treatment for a blow to the face, took a pass from his Western Province colleague, Van Heerden, and broke past the Sale back row. Greenwood took up the running, Stransky looped in support and Horak strode up from full back to finish. Stransky's conversion, on a day when he passed 200 points for the season, brought

points for the season, brought the Italf-century. SCORERS: Leioteter: Tries: M. Johnson (Brin), Gustind (34), Moody (43), penelty try (55), West (58), Horak 2 (58), 75). Convesiona: Stransky 4. Penelty goels: Stransky 4 (23, 25, 40, 51). Sele: Thes: Howarth (79), Releases (61). Scorension: Howarth (79), Releases (61). SCORING SEQUENCE (Lescester first): 50, 53, 83, 11-3, 16-3, 19-3 (half-time): 25-3, 29-3, 36-3, 43-3, 50-3, 55-3, 55-10, 55-15.

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Mastery of Pagel humbles Irish

London Irish Northampton......

A MATCH of 61 points, seven tries and no end of surging attacking play involving 22 international players was to-tally dominated by a prop forward. If that appears somewhat Irish, then no one at Sunbury on Saturday night could see the funny side of it. There are defeats and defeats, but the one suffered by the exiles was so overwhelming that Irish may take some time to recover mentally, never

A game that London Irish had targeted as one essential to win became a rout chiefly because Northamoton, unlike so many other clubs investing in expensive, overrated foreign players, had signed a gem from South Africa — Garry Pagel, a loose-head from South Africa -

mind physically.

The former South Africa international only arrived a month ago but his influence on Ian McGeechan's side has been startling. Where once Tim Rodber battled mightily, but largely alone, among his forwards now exists a hard core of players able to provide a real platform for the club's McGeechan said of his new

acquisition: "He is immensely strong, a tremendous scrummager, but a good ball-player, too. And he is good for the other players; our other forwards are benefiting and we are putting new focus on the

Pagel capped a masterful performance with a second-half try, clearly having decided that he had wreaked sufficient havoc in the tight to be permitted some freedom in Irish have a dilemma. Their

men they need to enhance their squad. So while, commendably, they refuse to buy inferior players they must persevere with some plainly not good enough. The classic Catch-22 situation.

finances were put in place too late to buy the high-quality

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SCORERS: London Irish: Try: McCall (18mm). Conversion: Woods. Penelty goal: Woods (53) Northernpton: Tries: Pountrey (36), Dewson (47), Page (55), Townsend (67), Alen (77), Gayson (8); Townsend (67), Alen (77), Gayson (8); Conversions: Graycon & Penelty goals: Graycon 3 (13, 21, 25)

SCORING SEQUENCE (London Irish first): 0-3, 7-3, 7-6, 7-9, 7-16 (Institute), 7-23, 10-23, 10-30, 10-37, 10-44, 10-51 LONDON IRISH: C O'Shea; J Bishor, N Burrows (rep. R Hernessy, Ethrein, M McCall (rep. S Burrs, 71), N Woods, D Humphress, N Hogar, J Fizzahrick, A Redmond, G Halpin, G Futcher (rep. L Mooney, 71; rep. K O'Connell, 75, L Mooney, 76; rep. K O'Connell, 76, K Dawson (rep. C Bird, 50), K Spicer

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Wasps fail to follow leader

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

THINGS cannot get much better for Lawrence Dallaglio: captain of the league champions, captain of England, a Lion who roared: Allied Dunbar/Rugby World player of the month, Rugby Writers' Club personality of the season, a column in The Times . . . but the man Nigel Melville calls "Superman" has played nine matches, lost seven and drawn two since early October.

While the New Zealand players have three months' rest and recuperation before the Super 12. Dallaglio spent only a couple of days in Ireland last week before plunging back into a league campaign that, for Wasps, has assumed critical proportions.

Some of those at the Stoop on Saturday may have played as though they had had three months off - not three weeks - but not Daliaglio. "I would love to have 14 men who could play like him," Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, said. He was on a different level."

An inspirational captain notwithstanding, the league trophy has now been dusted down and handed back by Wasps. Four successive defeats including this, their heaviest since the league began, leaves them contemplating a rematch with Harle-

ledge that it is their only real chance of silverware.

"We're not doing that much different," Melville, struggling to put his finger on what is going wrong, said. "We looked like we hadn't played for a while. We gave them too many points in the first half." While that was true, it was

Harlequins who, initially, were the side imbued with festive spirit. After Lacroix had kicked a first-minute dropped goal. Quins so comprehensively failed to deal with King's restart that it bobbled through at least three pairs of hands before running loose over the line, where lons pounced for probably the fastest debut try ever scored.

Thereafter, though, it was



Lacroix man of the match

control one-way traffic as Lacroix one-way traffic as Lacroix in three weeks in the know-kicked Harlequins back into the lead and O'Leary's inter ception try put them 12 points clear at the break. Four minutes after the restart, Williams killed off any chance of a

Wasps comeback. Jim Fleming awarded a penalty try to either side, but Lacroix, the man of the match, then scored the try of the game after good work from Leach and Cuttitta. Tollett intercept ed Rees's desperate, one-hand-

ed, crossfield pass and O'Leary rounded it off with his second score in injury time. Harlequins were pleased with themselves afterwards. but they had Wasps to thank. Dropped passes, spilt ball and turnovers littered their game. "We're playing a more expensive game," Melville said. "it's the road we have to go down. If the players can't adapt, we'll

have to get new ones." SCORERS: Hartequins: Tries: O'Leary 2 (39. 80). Williams: (44). penalty by 63, Lecrob. (70). Tollent. (79). Conversions: Lacrob. 3. Challinor. Penalty goals: Lecrox. 3 (3, 8, 33). Oropped goals: Lacrox. 2 (1, 31). Wasps: Tries: Ions (2), penalty by (60). Conversions: Rees. 2. Penalty goal: Rees. (79).

(ca) SCORING SEQUENCE (Harlequins first) 3-0, 3-7, 6-7, 9-7, 9-10, 12-10, 15-10, 22-10 (hall-time), 27-10, 34-10, 34-17, 41-17, 48-17, 53-17

Struggling Bristol pay high price for lack of self-belief

Richmond..

BY BARNEY SPENDER

AFTER the rich banquet of international rugby over the past month, it was inevitable that at least one game at the weekend would be rather less of a fine wine tasting than a navvies' brew-up. An appropriate choice, no doubt, for the sponsor, PG Tips. fans at the Memorial Ground. It was a tight match settled in the last minute when Paul Burke's long-range dropped goal attempt went wide of the Richmond posts to give the visiting team the narrowest of wins. That provided a nailbiting finish but anyone looking for art and finesse would have had to search elsewhere. For both teams the problem lay, to differing

anxiety during the scoreless first half, when they dominated possession but failed to make it count. John Kingston, his Richmond counter-part, echoed those thoughts.

"We are still not sure about ourselves in the first division, we don't have that consummate confidence to say that we are good players," he

At least Kingston had the consolation of a degrees, in a lack of self-belief, an affliction that barnstorming performance from Scott Quinnell, and two well-worked second half manifests itself in a lack of ambition. Alan Davies, the Bristol coach, talked of his side's tries from Jason Wright, the New Zealander.

Mart Pini's penalty goal two minutes from time secured the points that leave Richmond in mid-

SCORERS: Smatch Penelty goals; Burke 4 141, 59 60, 68). Richmond: Trees: Wright 2 (50, 55) Penelty goel: Pm (78). SCORENG SEQUENCE (Bristol Inst) 0-0 (helf-time), 3-0, 3-5, 3-10. 6-10, 9-10, 12-10, 12-13 BRISTOL: Janes, D'Tuen Irep, J'Lewsey, 74mm), PHull, K Maggs, D Yapp, P Burke, Pt Jones; M Worsley (rop: M Morgan, 55), F Landreau (rep: K Durn, 58), K Fulfman, P Adoms, C Engle (rep. T Deverge, 60), D Corkey, C Short, E Politit.

RICHMOND: M Prin; S Brown (rep. J Wright, 40). A Beterren, S Cottrell, D Chapman, E Vala, A Moore, D Crompton, B Williams, J Davies, C Ournell, C Gillies, R Mertin, B Clarke, S Quinnell Referee: G Hughes (Manchester).



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SWIMMING

Hickman to rest on his laurels after records

broke the two oldest surviving men's national records at the weekend, collected the award for outstanding swimmer of the British championships in Sheffield yesterday but then, like the dog with a bone that refuses to chase the stick, promptly announced that he would not be defending his 200 metres butterfly title after

"I don't think I need to now." the world short-course champion said. Before winning the 200 and 400 metres medley titles in times that brought every British record for men into the 1990s. Hickman, 21, had in fact already won the 200 metres butterfly final on Thursday.

However, while his time for the distance over which he became world short-course champion in Sweden last spring was well inside the qualifying time needed for the

Sheffield results

world championships, in Perth. Australia. next month, the championship race had to

The top of the starting block in lane three had dislodged when Eddie Clement, of University of Bath, dived in. It was decided to hold a second final at the end of the championships, which concluded last night with about ten additional swimmers expected to swell the British team for Perth to 32 when the squad is announced today, making it the largest Britain squad to enter a world

championships. Given that a swimmer is supposed to be as good as his last race, Hickman's decision to take an early bath yesterday and leave the butterfly title to Roger Ashcroft, of Wigan Wasps, may well have been

He had just won the 400

metres medley title in 4min 22.24sec, 1.96sec inside the longest surviving British men's record, held by John Davey, of Salford, since 1987. On Saturday, Hickman's 2min 02.74sec victory in the 200 metres medley title shaved 0.46sec off the previous record set in 1988 by Neil Cochran, of

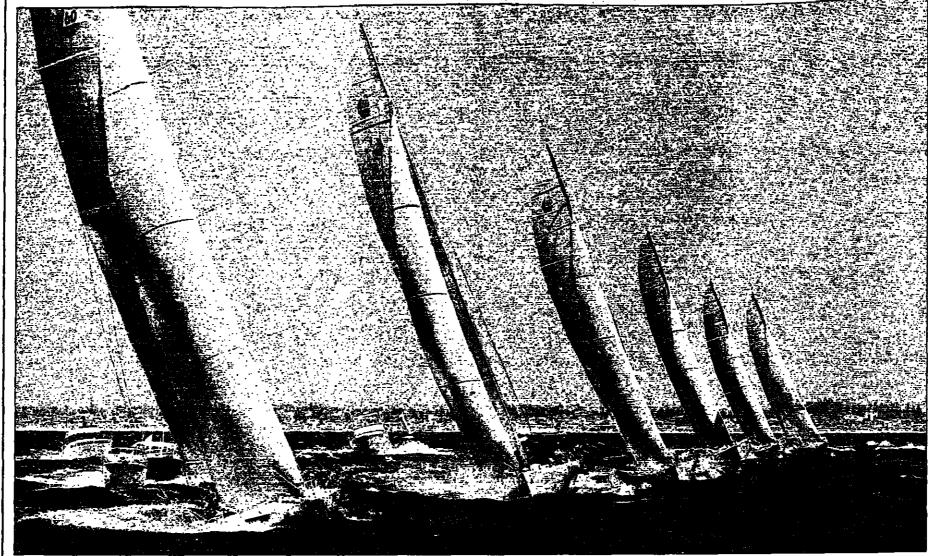
"I think I've won enough I'd only go slower." Hickman said before heading for the changing-room instead of the starting block. He was keen to get home to Stockport before a whirlwind month in which he will spend the next four days at a national training camp in Millfield, Somerset, before heading out to Perth on Boxing Day and a mission to win a medal in the 200 metres butterfly.

Hickman is likely to add the 200 metres medley to his schedule in Perth after his Sheffield performances, although he will be lucky to make the final without further improvement in an event that has become a weak point in British swimming.

There was a note of sadness. too, in the 200 metres breaststroke, in which Adrian Whitehead, only 17, swam a best time of 2min 16.45sec for his first national title but was outside the standard needed to take him to Perth. Meanwhile, Margaretha

Pedder, of Portsmouth Northsea, provided one of the best performances yesterday, in winning the women's 200 metres butterfly in 2min 13.59sec - a best time and one executed while the swimmer is still in training for Perth. Though she must take another two seconds off that time to get inside the national record that Samantha Purvis set in the Olympic final in 1984, Pedder is one of several prospects who give hope of a break from what have been lean times for the British women in interna-

Whitbread leader forced to make running repairs at start of third leg



The Whitbread Round the World Race fleet sets out from Fremantle in orderly fashion at the start of the third leg. Photograph: Stephen Munday/Allsport

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

Mast damage delays Frostad

THESE are difficult days for Innovation Kvaerner. The boat is trying to maintain her form on the third leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race, which started from Fremantle on Saturday, after the discovery of worrying dents and buckles in the lower part of the mast.

Innovation Kvaerner has been the most consistent boat in the race with top-three finishes in the first two legs. Now, Knut Frostad, the skipper, has to balance his desire to repeat that success on the relatively short 2.250-mile trip to Sydney with the risk that he may lose the mast

Problems with the spar were spotted by the crew after the first night at sea yesterday morning, after a spell of hard upwind work, when the closely bunched fleet was crashing into 32-knot headwinds on the way towards Point D'Entrecas-

teaux. The damage indicates that the mast was on the way to a compression fracture, which could have been caused by violent shaking of the rig through a tack or after the boat hit a big wave, or that the rig may have twisted As soon as the problems were discovered. Frostad, the

youngest skipper in the fleet, requested that a repair kit be dropped by helicopter. In order to comply with race rules, he had to divert Innovation Kvaerner inshore, to be within a mile of the coast, when the drop was made. Waiting for the helicopter, the an age in this event - and she slipped from fifth place to

According to officials at race headquarters, Frostad and his crew effected satisfactory repairs before they set to work with the repair kit. They were reported to be back racing again last night and "confident" that the damage would not prevent them from pushing the boat hard enough to maintain their overall lead. However, a topthree finish this time round will be a tall order.

The nine-strong fleet got away cleanly downwind in 22 knots on Saturday, watched by a good gallery on shore and many spectator boats off Fremantle harbour. First

Krantz's Swedish Match. which later showed lightning speed upwind in the breeze but it was Paul Cayard in EF Language, in second place overall, who made the early

running on the parade lap. The Californian was then first to Rottnest Island and yesterday, at a position just to the west of Cave Point, 380 miles down the track, he had the narrowest of leads over Krantz, with Grant Dalton a mile astern in third.

So far, this leg has seen the sort of close fleet-racing that skippers have longed for and were expecting to be the norm. Even after a long night bashing to windward, there was little to chose between the boats the next morning.

the coast to avoid a highpressure system to the south and east, there was only 9.2 miles between first and last. Cayard, meanwhile, has

been on top form at the computer, delivering three reports by the end of the second day at sea. "This leg should feature more leadchanges and tight racing than the first two," he said in a brief message before the start. "I will give you all the details I can as we go down the track to Sydney - just throw a little water on yourself, if you really want to get

in the mood." Twenty-four hours later. Cayard was soaked through and his sleeping bag awash after one of the water ballast

tanks on EF Language burst, sending a ton of water over the skipper's bunk. "My socks stink so bad I can't stand them already and I got four hours' sleep in the first 24 hours, even after Rudi [Mark Rudiger, the naviga-tor] and I discussed not getting burnt out in the first 24 hours," Cayard reported. Rounding Cape Leeuwin.

EF Language was tacking about once an hour, requiring the off-watch crew to move tons of food, sails and spares from one side of the boat to the other every time. On her sister ship, EF Education, crewed by the all-female team led by Christine Guillou, a winch sheared off its mounting and flew over the side as Anna Drougge was attempting to increase the tension on the iib halvard. Drougge was lucky to escape with nothing more than a

ICE HOCKEY

Storm go clear at the top in goal burst

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

MANCHESTER Storm have moved two points clear at the top of the Superleague after a 6-3 win over Nottingham Panthers, the joint-leaders before the match, on Saturday. Marty Dallman put the

Panthers ahead after five minutes, but Stefan Ketola equalised less than three minutes

Three more goals in the first period gave Storm a 4-1 lead and the teams shared two goals in each of the remaining periods.

Jim Hrivnak had an excellent game in goal for the Storm, making 35 saves and assisting in the fifth Manchester goal early in the second

Ayr Scottish Eagles leap-frogged over Sheffield Steelers with a 6-2 away win against Basingstoke Bison, in which Mark Woolf was the inspiration with three assists. Most of his creative work was completed by Danuse Bauba, who

Basingstoke's two markers came during the last six minutes of the game and served only to give an air of respectability to the score.

Bracknell Bees sprang a surprise with a 4-1 win over Cardiff Devils. Tom Gomes scored the only goal of the first period, neither side could find the net in the second and Bracknell won the third 3-i.

In the Express Cup. Sheffield Steelers beat Newcastle Cobras 7-3. Nicky Chinn scored after 26 seconds and, although Roy Mitchell scored twice in less than a minute later in the first period, the Steelers were 4-2 ahead by the interval and never in danger of being caught.

This competition does not appear to have caught the imagination of the players or the public. The attendance at the Sheffield Arena was 3,851, by far the smallest number to watch a Saturday game in Sheffield for some time.

Results, page 39 way, as part of a special

ICE SKATING: TEENAGER WILSON BOWS TO MORE EXPERIENCED RIVAL IN BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cousins books his ticket for Olympic Games

By ANGELA COURT

STEVEN COUSINS will fly the flag for Great Britain in figure skating at the Winter Olympic Games next year after regaining the British men's title on Saturday evening. In what was effectively a head-to-head decider to secure a place in the squad. Cousins beat Neil Wilson, 19, the British champion in 1996, into second place, ensuring his ticket for the Games in Nagano. Japan.

With just one place available for a British man at the Games, the British championships were used to decide

Having won both sections of the event convincingly. Cousins, the champion for seven years before Wilson broke through 12 months ago, got the goahead from the selectors.

Yet his performance in the free programme on Saturday was below his best. Skating to music from Gone With The Wind, he opened strongly with a triple lutz, but fell on a triple axel, turned a later attempt into a double and offered no triple-jump

whether Cousins or Wilson would go. anxious out there, but it's the end result that counts. I wanted to win the title again and I'm very relieved to have succeeded. I've shown I'm not

dead and buried." Wilson also came to grief on the triple axel and fell off the landing of a triple salchow. His five cleanly landed triple jumps totalled one more than Cousins, but he lacked the overall strength and maturity of his rival. "I didn't come here expecting to win." he said later. "My main aim was to skate

"I wasn't particularly happy with In the women's event. Jenna the way I skated," he said. "I felt Arrowsmith, of Swindon, won her

third title in four years in a competition littered with errors - but at least there was a competition. Marsha Poluliaschenko and Andrew Seabrook, of Swindon, the new senior pair champions, deserve much credit for their free programme for, despite having to perform rather than compete (there were no other entries) they showed great promise with two excellent throws, a double axel and a triple

Charlotte Clements and Gary Shortland, of Slough, took over the ice dance title vacated by Marika Humphreys and Philip Askew.

BOWLS

Falcon swoop to bring down the champions

CAMBRIDGE Park, Cumbria and Falcon are the only former winners of the Denny Cup left in the national interclub championship after the fifth round on Saturday. It was a day that saw the eclinse of the holders, North Walsham, at the hands of Falcon, who now play at Chelmsford (David Rhys Rhys Jones writes).

The champions led throughout, but had a costly lapse between the fifteenth and eighteenth ends, and were pipped 79-77 after 21 ends. A firing shot from Mike Green turned an adverse lie of two shots into a treble. Brian Taylor saw both his woods slide by the jack, leaving Falcon with a two-shots victory.

Cambridge Park over-whelmed Crystal Palace 108-52 while Cumbria, the 1996 champions, defeated Great

NETBALL

England made to think again

THREE international matches, three defeats and the England coach, Mary Beard-wood, is left scratching her head and talking about going back to the drawing-board. Her side was overwhelmed 70-45 by New Zealand, their heaviest defeat of the series, in Newcastle on Saturday .

England may have lost the first two games but at least they went down fighting: New Zealand had been tetchy as England made them work for their victories. But come Saturday New Zealand were stronger, laster and more clever than England.

AN engine that could bring a new look to the sport was

unveiled to the public yester-

day. Honda Britain, the do-

mestic arm of the Japanese

engine company, is proposing to sponsor the 1998 Premier

League by supplying produc-

The 650cc motor was used

in demonstration races at the

Brighton Bonanza indoor

meeting yesterday. Mick

Grant, the former leading

road racer who is now em-

ployed by Honda Britain, has

worked closely with Neil Ma-

chin. from Sheffield Speed-

tion engines at cost price.

There had been a few nig-

BY ALLY RAMSAY

gles through the week as neither side co-operated with the other camp, but such childish matters were thrown to one side as New Zealand showed the 3,000 spectators how grown-ups win netball matches. In the opening minutes England stood on equal terms at 1-1, but from there on it was all downhill.

their goalkeeper after Tanya Cox was deemed to have been throwing her not inconsiderable weight around a little too much in the opening games, so in came Linda Vagana.

SPEEDWAY

Honda offers engine boost

BY TONY HOARE

project to mark Honda's fifti-

Under the proposed deal,

which was discussed at the

recent British Speedway Pro-

moters' Association (BSPA)

conference, all riders in the

Premier League next year - to

be called the Honda League — would ride bikes fitted with

The plan has been greeted cautiously in the higher

reaches of the BSPA, but

Machin said: This would

cure 90 per cent of the things

wrong with speedway." The

the standard engine.

eth anniversary.

New Zealand had changed

Blair at goal defence to break up the England attack. At the other end Teresa Tairi was having a field day, scoring the lion's share of the New Zealand goals, finding the target from anywhere in the England circle. Beardwood tried to ring the

More athletic than Cox, she

worked well with Belinda

changes and only Fiona Murtagh, the captain, played the full 60 minutes as the team was reorganised at the end of each quarter. It made little difference as the visiting team kept piling on the goals. The drawing-board beckons for England.

sport's financial problems are

evident, with Hull this week joining Newcastle in closing

Grant confirmed that

Honda Britain wants to be-

come involved in the sport as a

public-relations exercise and

would make no money from

the project. But it must be

hurried through for 1998. de-

spite some promoters wanting

next year to be used for testing.

Sheffield last season and was

disappointed with the lack of

overtaking moves. The stan-

dard engine would change

Grant visited a meeting at

down for next season.

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD OTHER SPORT

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v Stoke; Nothingham Forest v Stockport;
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Birmingham; Trannere v Oxford Unit; West
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and Damonrad; Kiddemmister v Leek,
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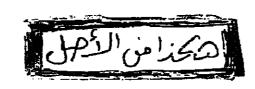
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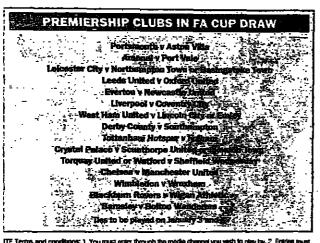
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RACING: SENOR EL BETRUTTI COULD JOIN ONE MAN AND SUNY BAY IN BOXING DAY SHOWPIECE

Greys prepare to do battle at Kempton

BOOKMAKERS will lay bets on a white one - but this year the odds are very much on a grey Christmas. For One Man, having assumed the mantle of Desert Orchid as a snowy blur at Kempton on Boxing Day, may now find himself part of a veritable equine blizzard when he attempts a third consecutive King George VI Chase victory.

First, Suny Bay threw down the gauntlet to his fellow grey in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury, Then, at Cheltenham on Saturday, came the romantic possibility that Senor El Betrutti might prove

RICHARD EVANS Nap: Bessie Browne (3.00 Warwick)

ssie Browne, after finishing close up behind Cherrymore and Country Beau at Newbury, won well at Huntingdon. She can follow up and justify her trainer's Cheltenham Festival plans. **NB: Line Of Conquest**

more lustrous than either of

(1.55 Warwick)

It has long been left to housewives to admire a grey chaser; only now is everyone else catching up. Seldom has a horse jumped with a more communicable zest than did Senor El Betrutti under Graham Bradley in the Tripleprint Gold Cup.

This time, he was welcomed with a gusto that forgave his similarly exuberant success at 33-1 in the Murphy's Gold Cup the previous month. Racegoers acclaimed a horse they now knew to be one of only three trained by Susan Nock on a nearby Cotswold farm. They knew he had warmed up in midweek by having a day out with the Heythrop. At the end of a week devoted to the most sensible use of petrodollars, they knew



The grey Senor El Betrutti has Trying Again for company on the first circuit before gaining an impressive victory at Cheltenham on Saturday

him to be an emblem for the honest virtues of National

Hunt racing. "The King George is only 12 days away, and it would be asking a lot to take on One Man at levels so soon afterwards," Mrs Nock said yester-day. "But he looks to have come out of it very well so, if the race cuts up and the ground is good, we would have to think about it.

"We went to the Hollow Bottom at Guiting Power with Nigel Twiston-Davies drinking champagne out of the gold cup until very late and he was saving that when your horse is on a roll, you

have to make the most of it. Brad argues that he is better left-handed, and that he won't get three miles. But I'm not sure I agree with him. He certainly galloped up that hill at the end of two miles five."

TRAINERS

Bradley's attention, of course, that he would have to surrender the ride on Senor El Betrutti if he and Suny Bay were to run at Kempton (ironically, each would ordinarily be ridden by the injured It will not have escaped Jamie Osborne). Suny Bay's

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participation is subject to cut in the ground and escaping whatever is ailing some of his stablemates, while Senor El Betrutti will not run if the going is soft. There remains a chance then that Bradley could yet have the decision made for him.

Yet, after the retirement of Mr Mulligan and the failure of Simply Dashing on Saturday, it is not difficult to imagine, given neutral ground, all three flamboyant greys lining up at Kempton. Coral keeps One Man as evens favourite, with Suny Bay 4-1. Barton Bank 9-2 and

1). Also quoted at 10-1 is Rough Quest, having shaped well on his return from injury behind The Grey Monk at Haydock on Saturday.
Imperial Call, who beat
Rough Quest in the 1996 Gold

Cup, will warm up for his own Christmas engagement - in the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown — by running over hurdles at Navan. Fergie Sutherland, his trainer, said: "We've decided he needs a run rather than a school, though he has recovered quickly from the muscle strain that held him up for a few days after he ran against Dorans Pride at

Collier Bay may switch to fences before Champion

By CHRIS McGrath

OLD by name, perennially spry by nature, there is only one thing that might age him prematurely. Albeit with a suitably crumpled air, Jim Old has prevailed over some vicious misfortune in his time - even that night of despair 15 months ago, when a fire at his stables resulted in horses getting "cut to ribbons" on barbed wire, as they ran blindly loose on the Mari-

borough Downs. Yet now his stoicism final-ly seems threatened with exhaustion. Why worry about plagues or calamity, he reasons, when you have to contend with the Race Planning Department?
It is at their whim that

Collier Bay, who gave Old his finest hour in the 1996 Champion Hurdle, may be forced to prepare for this season's renewal in novice chases. At the best of times, Collier Bay's movements are restricted by a need for safe ground. Training him is a delicate balancing act -and one that Old considers the rude joits of race plan-ning to have rendered all

On Saunday, Collier Bay returned to Cheltenbam for his first outing since losing his crown in March. He ran a fine race, attempting to concede SIb to the winner, Relkeel, and just missing second place in a photofinish with Pridwell.

Having been forced to lock horns with top-class opposition on his first run back, however, he can now have just one more race over timber before the Festival.

Hence the possibility that Collier Bay may have an unconventional preparation

which he has, after all, always looked physically competent. I'm going to discuss it with owner and jockey," Old said. "You can run in a novice chase every week, if you want, and then go back to hurdles before the big one to make sure the ship is still on course. That way we'd have some fun. win some prize-money and keep the wheels turning round. He'd be magic over fences, all right. But it would be a risk.

"If only they didn't make it such a struggle so that, even if the weather's in our favour, we have to slug it out against horses like Relkeel and Large Action, who have had problems of their own. All for the blessed betting industry. It just isn't fair on the horses. We're trying to get them ready for the Champion Hurdle, and they're having their heads

banged together.
Old explained: "Race planning has taken away eight races that Collier Bay could formerly have run in. Nowadays we're left with two before Cheltenham, at Haydock and Sandown, and he can't run in both because they are only a

week apart" The Haydock trial, on January 24, will be Reikeel's stepping stone to the Festival. He won the same race in 1995, but had since managed just one outing prior to Saturday's impressive dis-play. That his medical history is familiar to the Cheltenham crowd was evident in their lusty reception: happily, moreover. David Nicholson, his trainer, was able to report him "sound as a pound yesterday morn-

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THUNDERER

12.20 Tough Act 12.55 Shepherds Rest

1.55 Beaumont 2.30 Even Flow 3.00 Melody Maio

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.30 GRAND CRU.

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12.20 HAMPTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

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The consistent YET AGAIN is taken to overcome top weight

1.25 BUDBROOKE NOVICES CHASE (\$3,704; 3m 2f) (8 runners)

1996: GYSART 7-11-0 # Williamson (8-15 lav) M Pipe 4 ran FORM FOCUS

Ideal Partner 36: 4th ot 8 to Born Hell in arrelator handscap chase at Location (3m. good). Herhorse beat Marasis: 11 in 12-conser course chase at Warnest (2m 41 110) good to sort). Combertand of 4 to Escartefigue in novice chase at Worcester (2m 41 110) good. Dentam Hill 61 and novice hendicap chase at Southwell (3m 110) good. Dentam Hill 61 and novice hendicap hardle at listoster (3m 110) d, sort). Man 01 The March 131 3rd of 15 to Oliver's Secret in margin chase at Leicester (2m 71 110) d, good. De 70 of heat Listoste 41 110 of 15 to Oliver's maiden hardle at Hustangton (2m 51 110) d, firm). The Cockerton 141 3rd of 21 to Splendid Thyre in 164 it is seen at Newbury (2m 110) d, good to soft).

DENHAM HILL tookts sound clasms in a modest race

COURSE SPECIALISTS Winners Places
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1.55 ETTENGTON HANDICAP HURDLE

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

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VITAMAN, pulled up in soft going last time, could appreciate this better ground

2.30 STONELEIGH HANDICAP CHASE

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Larry's Lord beat Pete The Person a distance in 6-numer handiscap chase at Chepstow (2m 3f 116)rd, soft, Over The Pote beat Milios's An Ace 7f in 5-numer handiscap chase at Littosetar (2m 5f, good to firm). Stop The Walter 25f 3rd of 10 to Personne Prote in handiscap chase at Bangor (4m 1f good to soft). Even Flow beat Simply George 12f in 5-numer novice chase at Kernpton (2m 4f 110)rd, good to firm). Michie Joe 53f 5th of 8 to Boro Hill in handiscap chase at Ludiow (2m, good). LARRY'S LORD can dely top weight but Even Flow will be dangerous if fi

3.00 hoechst roussel panagur mares national hunt hovices HURDLE (£3,280: 2m 4l 110yd) (16 namers)

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BESSIE BROWNE boasts solid form and is lanced to dely har penalty

3.30 TEMPLE GRAFTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTRIC 4-1 Stadinum, 13-2 Above Sequence, 7-1 Bia-Ye-Moo, Registrating Gel Chilly Led. 8-1 Positivo 10-1 Warrespot, 12-1 others. 1996. LETS BE FRANK 5-11-4 R Johnson (6-5 Hay N Crares 13 rat.

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☐ Luso, trained by Clive Brittain, emulated last year's success in the £289,332 Hong Kong International Vase over 12 miles at Sha Tin yesterday. Michael Kinane's mount led home the Paul Coletrained Posidonas by a head.

NEWCASTEE

12.40 Barton Black. 1.15 Purevalue. 1.45 Dan De Mart. 2.15 DOUBLE AGENT (nap). 2.50 Conston Joker. 3.20 George Dillingham.

12.40 POLYFLOR AND NEWCASTLE FLOORING NOVICES HURDLE (22,327: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

8 /6-U NOBLE NORMANY 7 Ms. N Royeley 6-10-12 PROWN
9 120-TOM'S RIVER 259 (S) Ms. N Royeley 5-10-12 S Lose
10 PALLMERE 82 (Park 6-10-7 N Small
11 O-FLOSS THE BOSS 259 Ms. 3 Brown 4-10-7 N Small
12 -0-04 GAUTRY HEPPECKED 25 G M Moore 4-10-7 N Bentley
13 -000 POLITICAL MANDATE 23 R Noon 4-10-7 G McCorrosck (S) 11-10 Hopeful Lord, 7-2 Ardent Scout, 8-1 Notife Meman, 10-1 Tom's River, 12-1 Barton Bank, Brave Edwar, 14-1 Clerical County, 20-1 others.

1.15 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY

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2 JASP HICKSONS CHOICE 25 J Wade 9-10-12	-
3 2/5 MADE OF STEEL 21 Mrs A Nanghton B-10-12 J Supple	95
4 221/ MASTER MOVA 633 (5) M Carrectio 7-10-12 P Meen	-
5-364 MENALDI 16 P Caestrough 7-10-12 R Socola	
6 1-U2 PUREVALUE 9 (D.F.G.S) M W Easterly 6-10-12 P Carbony	112
7 413/ RADICAL CHOICE 657 (a) J Charlton 8-10-12 B Storey	_
8 /2-3 TRUE SCOT 30 (D.G.S) P Cheesbrough 7-10-12 A S South	_
9 0-SF GAME POWT 6 D Lamb 8-10-7 J Bucto	-
4-5 Purenalise, 5-1 Alaster Hova, 8-1 True Scot, 10-1 Mercicii, Radical Choi	
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1.45 NEWCASTLE FLOORING AND HALSTEADS HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,935: 2m) (10)

2.15 GLENDEE ENGINEERING HANDICAP HURDLE

1 111/ GREAT EASEBY SSF (C.D.G.S.) W Storey 7-12-0 R McGrath (3)
2 65-3 URCLE DOUG 28 (C.G.S.) Mrs M Revolus 6-11-11 _ P Mean 127
3 P-66 MARCHART MBIG 9 (V.G.S.) Mrs manned 5-11-5 R Gardly 117
4 5-23 DOUGLE AGENT 16 (G.S.) I Hwant dolongs 4-10-3 P Catherry 172
5 -461 BRANCHER 27 (D.F.G.S.) J Turce 6-10-9 _______ R Supple 138 2-) Gesat Easeby 9-4 Lincle Doug, 3-1 Basscher, 11-2 Double Agent, 18-7 Narchael Many

2.50 OMNICOM RANDICAP CHASE (£4.338: 2m 4t) (4) (24,330; 2011 42) (4)

1 2-35 KERMORE-SPEED 18 (D.F.G.5) No. 5 Smith 10-11-10
R Guest 137
2 1:FP ISSTOR 9 (B.D.F.G.5) N. W Excepty 10-11-5 ___ R Gardy ___ 1311- CROSSING 7275 (C.F.G.5) R No. 10-11-5 ___ 8 Gardy ___ 1311- CROSSING 7275 (C.F.G.5) R No. 10-11-5 ___ R Supple 132
A P-11 CORSTON JOKER 23 (C.F.G.) L Lungo 7-10-4 __ R Supple 132

13-8 Kenmore-Sceed, 9-4 Corston John, 3-1 Crossbot, 11-2 basyo.

3.20 RAMSIDE EVENT CATERING HOVICES HURDLE (52,274: 2m) (12)

11-70 Vactory: 1:-4 Agrice Postes, 6-1 George Difference, 10-1 ediets.

COURSE SPECIALISTS MEWCASTLE: Trainers: J. Jefferson: 10 moners from 35 moners. 28 6%, Mrs. M. Reveley, 28 from 162, 24 1%, Mrs. J. Groun, 4 from 19, 21 1%, C. Panler, 8 from 39, 20.7%, M. W. Earlerty, 11 from 58, 19.0%, P. Cheestangin, 12 from 62, 14.6%, Jockeys, P. Niven, 41 moners from 138 from 29 7%, P. Carberry, 6 from 59, 20.7%, D. Gallagher, 3 from 17, 17 6%, R. Garrity, 13 from 81, 16.0%, L. Wyer, 15 from 94, 15.0%; J. Reed, 173 from 84, 15.5%.

NEWTON ASSOT: Transes: P Rich 4 winners from 9 remotes, 44 4%, D Nicholson, 9 from 23, 33 1%; Miss V Williams, 3 from 8, 37 5%, P Hobbs, 55 from 162, 30,2%, M Pipe, 105 from 391, 27,6%, 1 006, 9 from 33, 27,3%, Incheys: Mr S Durack, 3 waters from 8 rides, 37,5%, A McCley, 60 from 179, 33,5%, 6 former, 7 from 41, 17 1%; C Maude, 16 from 122, 13 1%; 5 McCleal, 7 from 70, 10,0%

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Newcastle: 1.16 Ahbejaybus, 2.15 Merchant Ming. 3.20 Take Noise. Newton Abbot. 1.05 Cool. Cat. Warwick: 2.30 Nackle. Joe. 3.30 Knightebridge Girl,

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12.30 Indian Arrow. 1.05 Ultimate Smoothie. 1.35 Supreme Lady. 2.05 Silverino. 2.40 Belmorebruno. 3.10 Galapino. 3.40 Mister Sandrovitch.

GOING: HEAVY

12.30 JINGLE BELLS HANDICAP CHASE (52,842: 2m 110yd) (9 runners).

22,842: 2m 110yd) (9 rumners).

1 -324 NORTHERN SADDLER 11 (CD.F.G.S) R Hoopes 10-12-0
A P McCoy.
2 014- BCDAN ARROW 282 (BF.CD.F.S) M Pipe 9-11-12 — C Mondo.
3 -154 THURSDAY NIGHT 18 (BF.C.F.S) P Nicholes 6-11-9
Mr.J Tuzend (5) 2P-3 WELL TIMED 14 (CD,S) R Frost 7-11-2 222- WINSPIT 261 (D,F,S) R Alner 7-10-7 P42- RINNBAN FREE 205 G Harp 7-10-3

1.05 LES SEWARD MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (22,169: 2m 1i) (11)

TOPHY MARRIED FOR THE SUBSTITUTE SO (SF.O.F.G.S) M Pipe 5-11-10
A P McCoy 10-4 ULTIMANE SMOOTHER OF DRILLY, SAN IN POB 3-11-10
AP MCCOY
2 20-1 ALPINE JURGES 33 (6) P Hootes 4-10-11 ... Mr R NEGUE (7)
3 20-4 SJUNLEY SECLIER 10 in Chance 4-10-9 Mr S Durnock (5)
4 2145 RYTHM RUCK 9 (8) D Sandolio 8-10-3 ... Sophin Mischail (5)
5 00-8 PERFECT PAL 11 (6; 5) M J Weeden 6-10-1 ... P Hoday
6 P-BF REAT TYCOON 11 P Rich 8-10-0 ... M Graffiths (7)
7 /AP - PROMIC EXISTANCE 224 A Newscooke 5-10-0 ... T Dissource
8 638- MUTANANAL 327 (0) P, R Baker 7-10-0 ... V Sintery
9 1-26 ALCE'S MIRROR 10 (8; CD-F,G,S) K Bishing 8-10-0 . R Greene
19 P-PO COOL CAT 56 (8) J Tock 6-10-0 ... S McMedi
11 0528 MEMPROLID 21 (5) M Magnetida 7-10-0 ... S Cursin
2-1 Utilizate Smoothisi, 11-4 Alpine John 7-10-0 ... S Cursin
10-1 Perfect Pal 12-1 Rich Sycoon, 14-1 Matemati, Alica's Mirror, 25-1 others.

1.35 E B F TATTERSALLS IRELAND MARIES ONLY ROVICES CHASE (£3,599; 2m 5i 110yd) (10)

1 OU1- STRAY HARMONY 208 (5) R Suth 7-11-3 - Mr J Tezard (5) 2 U-54 BRIDEPAIR ROSE 10 (5) M Mageridge 9-10-10 - C Maude 3 0-31 CAMILJAS LEGACY 10 H Cole 6-10-10 - T Desconde 4 /41 - CHURCHTOWN CHANCE 274P (6,5) C Poplum 7-10-10 4 #4: CRURGHTOWN CHANCE 274P (6,8) C Pophen 7-10-10
G Tombey
5 50-0 OUNBOCKS COUNTRY 27 F tocher 7-10-10 M GRIBITE (7)
6 -558 FORTYTWO DEE 9 N Smith 7-10-10 M GRIBITE (7)
7 42-3 PEARL'S CHOICE 12 J McCanacchie 9-10-10 S Machail
8 F-29 SEYMANESWET 20 (5) D Gandollo 7-10-10 A P McCay
9 104- SUPPRIME LANT 240 (6,5) Mass H Kinglit 6-10-10 J F TRIS
10 S WATERFROW 1454 K Day 9-10-10 M R White (5) 5-2 Segrette Lady, 4-1 Pearl's Choice, 9-2 Carvillas Legacy, 5-1 Bridepark Rose. Seymourswill, 10-1 Churchlown Clasica, 16-1 Fortyland Dec, 33-1 offices.

2.05 SANTA CLAUS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,553: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1-11-13 ____ S Berrough holsen 11-11-12 1 13-6 SILVERINO 4 (C.G.S) P Roditors 11-11-13 . 2 AJ-6 PERSIAN SWORD 20 (G.S) D Microbson 11-2 Al-6 PERSAN SNORD 20 (C,S) D Microson 11-11-12
3 3100 CHECKARDOY 16 F.G.) G Edwards 9-11-7 Mr S Ourack (6)
4 U1-3 HOLD YOUR RANKS 27 (S) B FIRST 10-11-6 J Frost
5 512- MCD USHTER 275 (BF.S) J Old 6-11-5 C Lowestyn
6 5-34 JAMERICANER 18 (C.D.G.S) B Millions 10-11-4 D Solver (5)
7 25-0 FROLETS POE 37 (G.S.) Mr S Henderson 16-11-1
Mars R Heoderson
8 05-42 GLEN METAGE 10 (D.F.G.S) M Coumbs 12-10-13
Miles M Coombs

9-4 Hold Your Ranks, 5-2 Red Lighter, 7-1 Persian Sword, Judhrester, 8-1 Chiclobiato, Gien Mitage, 12-1 Fladlers Pile, 14-1 Silvering 2.40 CHRISTMAS PUDDING MOVICES HURDLE

3.10 TWO MAGPIES HOVICES HURDLE (£2,148: 2m 1f) (5)

1 15 KGN RISK 31 (5) M Pios 5-11-5 A P McCoy
2 P DEBBY GB CreftESST 10 R Front 5-10-12 J Front
3 SR EASTDON GALD DUST 14 A Hobbs 4-10-12 C Mande
4 3 EFFECTUAN LD DUST 14 A Hobbs 4-10-12 State
5 GM_APINO STF Gay Kelleway 4-10-12 Mr S Desach (5)
7-4 Galagno, 15-8 Kes Risk, 9-4 Effectual, 16-1 Eackion Cold Dest, 50-1 Derby
Gilchnest 3.40 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,131: 2m 1f) (13)

NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,131: 2m 1f) (13)

1 SRISH OF MASS H Ratiful 4-11-4 JF Tokey
2 DARK MARKADER 27 R Forst 4-11-4 JF FORM
3 MASTER SARDROWNICH MESS Y WILLIAMS 4-11-4 AP MCCOP
4 MR JULISEAR R FORST 3-11-4 TO COUNTY (7)
5 P2- MCE APPROACH 25 IP R Hodges 4-11-4 Mr J Crowley (7)
6 0-4 CUR MAN PLM 27 Dr D Chestrey 4-11-4 Mr J Crowley (7)
7 D SANDORAN 27 M Hill 4-11-4 Mr R Westley (5)
8 O YELLAUTE 27 A Dum 5-11-4 Mr R Westley (5)
9 WHOME TO P Ferrell 4-11-4 Mr R Westley (5)
10 BA SEREMUPHY M Usber 4-10-13 Mr S Desark (5)
11 O FLYME AND THE MARKED 5-18-13 D SAND FOR FOR SAND 12
12 MORK FOGLERTY H Day 6-10-13 G Steerlin (7)
7-4 Bresch CR, 15-8 Misser Sandrowich, 100-30 Mice Approach, 14-1 Others.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Cheltenham

1.55 (2m St ch) 1, Northern Startight (A P McCoy, 7-4); 2, Escartefigue (4-7 fav); 3, Claver Remark (20-1), 3 ran, NR: Edgernoon Prince, 13t, dist, M Pipe, Tote: \$2.50, DF; \$1.10, CSF: \$2.88.

Bells Life (25-1) Simply Dealing 2-1 fev 9 ran, 8, 2%l, Mrs S Nock, Tote: 28 70; \$2.00, \$2.00 3.05 (2m 1/ hdie) 1, Relissel (R Johnson, 8 1): 2, Pridwel (13-8 tay); 3, Collier Boy (7-2) 8 mm, 1%1, sh hd. D Nicholson, Tote: C7.90 21.80, 21.40, 51.70, UP: 99.10, CSF: 620.22

21.80, £1.40, £7.40. DF: £9.10. CSF- £20.22.
3.40 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Lord Jim (M A Rittgerald, 9-1); 2, Promaise (6-4 lav), 3, Easy Feelin (7-2) 9 ran. 141, 3t. J Old Toter £8.40, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £10.20. Trio: £19.60. CSF: £21.84.
Jackpot: £15,848.40.
Plecapot: £278.00 Quadpot: £17.30. Doncaster

12.05 1, Sounds Like Fun (8-11 lav); 2, Fry-up Saleitte (6-1); 3, Dande Imp (10-1) 8 12.36 1, Hazard A Guess (11-1); 2, Gone For A Burton (8-1); 3, General Heven (50-1), Vendian 4-1 tav. 18 ran.
1.10 1, Derra Point (8-1); 2, Jackson Park (9-1); 3, Crandon Boulevard (11-2). Disallowed 3-1 tav. 9 ran.
1.40 1, Dormaine De Pron (7-1); 2, Father Sky (8-1); 3, Justian (3-1 tav) 7 ran.
2.10 1, New Isin (2-1); 2, Star Rage (8-11 tax); 3, Karshi (7-1), 4 ran.

180(1); 3, Ramm (7-1), 4 am. 2,45 1, Desert Brave (6-1); 2, Global Legend (5-1); 3, Birment Or Rick (33-1), Classy Lad 1-2 lav, 7 cm. 3,20 1, Sweep Gently (16-1); 2, Ousenovay (3-1 tar); 3, Memisshur Ofesteem (9-1), 18 ran. Haydock Park Haydock Park
12-40 f. Franch Holly 89-11 fav., 2. Foundry
Lane (3-1): 3. Balled Mirsted 110-1) 16 ren.
1.15 f. Barmageara Boy (4-1), 2. Faving instructor (2-1 ten): 3. Nether Misseon (5-2): 5 ren
1.45 f. Throwler (10-1): 2. Niger's Lad (3-1):
3. Master Beveled (14-1): 8 ran.
2.15 f. The Grey Montk (8-13 ten): 2. Rough
Ouest (3-1): 3. Coulton (5-1): 4 ran. NitMancali.
2.50 f. Spienolid Thyree (9-4 tev). 2.
Campaign (4-1): 3. Prussia (14-1): 9 ran.
2.25 f. Afte. International (15-8 f. fav): 2.
Outing (4-1): 3. Riverbank Rose (15-8 f.

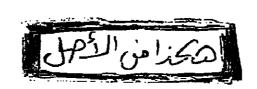
Lingfield Park 12-30 1, Tuestary Highway (12-1); 2, Ripa-rius (7-4 y-lay); 3, Harbet House (4-1), Cool Gunner 7-4 y-lax, 5 ran. 1.00 1, Monies Scham (3-1); 2, Teinan (5-2); 3, Cariboo Gold (7-2), Soprile May 9-4 fev 4 ran

1.30 1, Buddy Marvel (4-7 fev); 2, Amstge (2-1); 3, Zasarek (50-1) 5 ran.
2.00 1, Fideling The Facts (11-4); 2, Ottowa (13-8 fav); 3, Joher Jack (100-1) 5 ran.
2.35 1, Sall By The Stars; 5-2, I-Lav); 2, Karalkaze (5-2 k-lav); 2, Misso Dinion (9-1) Fepoance 5-2 k-lav 5 ran.
3.10 1, Fire Bell (4-5 fev); 2, Limit The Damage (6-1); 3, Just Nip (20-1), 14 ran.
3.40 1, Hendy Lass (7-2); 2, hony Coester (11-4); 2, Tickerty's Gelt (3-1). Bowelille Court 5-2 lav. 5 ran.

Wolverhampton 7.00 1, Stage Whisper (5-2 tav); 2, Clamat (20-1); 3, Heathyards Shek (4-1), 13 ran, 7.30 1, Grahmano (2-1); 2, Classy Cleo (11-10 tav); 3, One Singer (8-2) & ran,

10 km); 3, One Singer (9-2) 5 ran.
8.00 1, Madia (7-2 R-lav), 2, Utra Boet (201); 3, Tathrild (12-1); Eastern Prophets 7-2; fav 13 ran.
8.30 1, Democrat (6-5 tav); 2, Onetorthe-disch (7-2); 3, Toujours Riviera (10-1); 10 ran.
9.00 1, Ettamine (25-1); 2, Pearl Anniversary (20-1); 3, Anjou (4-7 tav), 9 ran.
9.30 1, Wildmoor (8-1); 2, Moormalong (3-1 tav); 3, Seiston Sovereign (25-1); 11 ran. NPT Tabasco Jazz.





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AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New York Gents 30 Washington 10, Pittsburgh 24 New England 21 (OT)

BADMINTON

JAKARTA: World Grand Pric Singles: Mont Semi-lineis. Dong Jong China bi P. E. Hoyer-Larsen (Den) 15-9, 15-7. Sun Jun (China) bi P. Garse-Christensen (Den) 15-10, 17-15, 15-6. Final: Sun bi Dong 15-9, 15-6. Women: Semi-finals: Susaint findo) bi Gong Zichao (China) 11-8, 11-1; Ye Zheoying (China) bi Wang Chen (China) 11-6, 11-4. Final: Ye Di Susain, 11-4, 11-4.

BOBSLEIGHING

LA PLAGNE, Fronce: World Cup: Two-ment: 1. Canada 1 (P. Lueders and R. Greenidgo: 159.33sec. 59 64) 1min 58 97sec. 2. Germany II (D. Wesse and M. Jarobs) (95 64) 59 50; 159 14. 3. Italy (IG. Huber and A. Tartaglia) (59 50, 59,70) 159 20; 4. Canada II (C. Lon and D. MacEachenni (59 71, 159 54) 159 25, 5. Switzerland 1: R. Gootschi and G. Acklini (59 48, 59 77) 159 25. Leading World Cup positions (after 5x races); 1, Lueders 140,615; 2. Huber (128, 3, Langen 117; 4, Shimer 109, 5, Pruss 103, Four-man; 1, Gormany, 1 N. Czuzlej drovo) (57,69, 57,36) 155 67; 2, Germany II (C. Langen) (57,69, 57,36) 157,72, 58 141 155 82, 3, Groot Britain (S. Olsson) (57,75, 58 141) 155 89, 5, Switzerland II (R. Goetschi) (57,83, 58 29) 158 11.

BOXING

SHEFFIELD: World Boxing Organisation middleweight championaritip (vacant): O Grant (Can) bt it is indeed (Sheffeld) bts International Boring Federation Intercontinental Ight-Ineasyweight (championalisi): M Prince (Totterham) bt W Hanlams (Listings and Light-Imddleweight (Brids): H Simon (Nam) bt K Nahau (Doncaster) is Sort (Newcastle) is Sort (Newcastle) is 3 Light-weitenweight: (Manchester) bt P Sort (Newcastle) is 3 Light-weitenweight: (Manchester) bt P Sort (Newcastle) is 3 Light-weitenweight: (Amds): J Here (Rowerstown) bt K Konsantons (Potters Bai) is 3 Sort (Amds): J Khako (Nottungham) diew with M Ramsey (Birmingham) Super-featherweight (Birmingham) Super-featherweight (Birmingham) pls

(6mds) G Thomhill (LAPTPOOI) to P DUCKEY (Birmingham) pls LEDYARD, Connecticut: World Boxing Council Continental Americas heavy-waght championship: L Donald (US, holder) bit T Witherspoon (US) pls.

POMPANO BEACH, Florida: International Boxing Federation junior-bantamweight championship: J Teosa (Mex, holder) bit A Agosto (P Ricci) pts. BFF super-lightweight championship: V Philinas (U.S. holder) bit Federation (U.S.) pts. BFF junior-flyweight championship (vacant): M Pastrana (Col) bit M Hernera (Dom Rep) to 10th BFF featherweight championship (vacant): H Laarrag (U.S.) bit W NiCita (SA) to 11th. Heavyweight: H Akiwande (GB) bit O Nortis (U.S.) pts.
TLUJANA, Mexico: World Boxing Council super-bantamweight championship: E Morales (Mex, holder) bit J Lowey (Ire) ret 8th.

CURLING

FUSSEN, Germany: European champlon-ships: Men: Ninth place play-off. Lucen-bourg 9 England 3. Seventh: Noneay 10 Wates 1. Third: Scotland 6 Sweden 5. Finel: Germany 10 Denmark 5. Wonear: Seventh place play-off. Norway 8 England 2. Pitht: Switzerland 8 Scotland 5. Third: Germany 9 Finland 5. Final: Sweden 6 Denmark 4. GOLF

H Abradason (Swe) 20th hote, J Inketer and D Papper (US) is A Sorenstern (Swe) and M McGarn (US) 3 and 1; B King and C Johnson (US) bit C Georgia (US) and C Johnson (US) bit C Welter and B Burton (US) 4 and 3 Sentor Tour. G Morgen and J Sigel (US) bit J Kleiber and B Duval (US) 24th hote; B Summethays (US) and C Player (SA) 2 and 1; C Rodriguez (P Rico) and D Graham (Aus) bit J Jacobs (US) and G Player (SA) 2 and 1; C Rodriguez (P Rico) and D Graham (Aus) bit J Colbert and B Marphy (US) 5 th D Stockton and L Nelson (US) 2 and 1; Saturday; PGA Tour. Eklargton and Margert bit Leonard and Hulbert 1 up; Daly and Herron bit Faxon and Andrews 2 and 1; Lehman and Weldort of Celcavecchia and Stumen 4 and 3; LPGA Tour. Webb and Robbins bit Green and Andrews 1 up; Lopes and Davles to Nicholas and Alfredscon, 2 up; Sorenstein and McGenn bit King and Johnson 2 and 1, Inkster and Pepper bit Walker and Burton 4 and 3 Sembor Tour. Summerhays and Fernandez bit Morgan and Sign 2 and 1; Stockton and Netson bit Colbert and Murgan bit Rodriguez and Graham 2 and 1; Stockton and Netson bit Colbert and Murgan 1 Stockton and Netson bit Colbert and Murgan 1; Stockton and Murgan bit Rodriguez and Graham 2 and 1; Stockton and Netson bit Colbert and Murgan bit Rodriguez and Graham 2 and 1; Stockton and Netson bit Colbert and Murgan 1; Stockton and Murgan bit Rodriguez and Graham 2 and 1; Stockton and Murgan bit Rodriguez and Graham 2 and 1; Stockton and Murgan bit Rodriguez and Graham 2 and 2 and

HANDBALL

BONN, Germany: Women's world chemplonships: Semi-finale: Norway 25 Germany 23; Denmark 32 Russia 22. Third place play-oft: Germany 27 Russia 25 ICE SKATING

HULL ARENA: Tesa British champion-ships: Final positions: Ment 1, S Coustrs (Descide) 1.5pts; 2, N Wilson (Beltash 3.0; 3, C Shorten (Cheimstord) 4.5, 4, 1 Macadem (Klimamodti 6.0 Womert 1, J Artowsmith (Swadon) 2.0; 2, N Marning (Cheimstord) 2.5, 3, Y Seer (Oxford) 4.5; 4, G Papavassisu (Glasgow) 7.5; Pairs (ore couple only); 1, M Polutescherista and A Seabrook (Swindon) 1.5, loe denote: 1, C Clements and G Shortland (Slought) 3.2; 2, R Chrobokova and J Lanning (Strettem) 3.4; 3, S Kerr and J Ferguson (Aberdeen) 5.4; 4, P O'Connor and J O'Dougherly (Blackburn) 8.0; 5, A Diez and A Love (Guiddord) 10.2.
WASHBNGTON: World professional Guiddord 10.2.

WASHINGTON: World professional championships: Men: 1, N Browning (Can) 98.5: 2, F Guilnoto (US) 98.3: 3, B Boltano-(US) 97.8. Women: 1, K Yamaguchi (US) 99.0, 2 E Gordeeva (Russ) 97.5, coul 3, D Blellmann (Switz) and N Kerngan (US) 97.4 Pairs: 1, R Koventova and R Novotny (Cz) 98.0: 2, B Brassaur and L Elsier (Can) 97.7: 3, E Leonova and A Krivalko (Russ) 97.3. Ice dance: 1, R Roce and G Sir (US) 99.9, 2, M Usova and A Zhulin (Russ) 98.3; 3, A Webster and R Kravette (US) 97.1.

JUDO

FURUDKA. Japan: Fukuoka women's tournement: Heavyweight (over 78kg): Semi-finals: Yuan Hua (Chrina) th M Ninomiye (Japan) shido (observation), Y Kiya (Japan) shido (observation) shido (observati

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LACROSSE

DAILY TELEGRAPH SENIOR FLAGS: Ouerter-finals: Meltor 7 Boardman and Ecoles 8, Poynton 5 Heaton Mersey 19; Cheedle Hume 4 Timperley 10, Cheedle 12 Stockport 7 NETBALL

NEWCASTLE: International match: Eng-land 45 New Zealand 70

NORDIC SKIING TRENTE, Baly: Mon: Classic: 10km: 1, B
Dachile (Not) 25mm 8.80ect; 2, S Swertsen
(Not at 22.50: 3, V Smemov (Rezz) 23.00: 4,
M Botwinov (Russ) 32.00: 5, E Jevine (Not)
39.70: 6, T Alsgaard (Not) 48.30 Pursuit
(15km): 1, Dachile: 35:44.5, 2, T Alsgaard
(Not) 35:53.5: 3, Botwinov 35:56.5: 4,
Smimov 36:11: 5, H Forsberg (Swe)
35:36: 5: 6, F Valbrusa (It) 36:36.7 Leading
oversall positions (after four events): 1,
Dectale: 325pt; 2, T Alsgaard 206: 3,
Smimov 190: 4, Forsberg 142: 5. Botwinov
130, 6, S Swertsen (Not) 124 Women:
Classic: Stort: 1, B Martissen (Not)
13:28.70sec; 2, A Moon-Gudon (Not) at
18:10: 3, L Lazutsen (Russ) 18:80, 4, O
Denflova (Puss) 22.70: 5, M Mikkeisplass
(Not) 25:80, 6, S Negelfina (Russ) 30:20.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colorado: K112/15K Nordic combined competition (leader: at halfmay slape) 1, M Secret (Austria) 248.6pt; 2, D Kirener (Austria) 248.6pt; 2, D Kirener (Austria) 240.2: 3, 7 Lodwick (US) 234.9; 4 B-E VK (Nor) 234.2: 5, H Merutevan Fin) 233.0; 6, S Lajunen (Fin) 228.0, 7, F Otake (Jap) 227.6. 8, C Eugen (Austria) 225.3, 9, C Belor (Austria) 224.4, 10, T Terreault (US) 224.2 **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Silk Cut Challenge Cup First round replay

Folly Lane 22 Normanton Folly Lane 22 Normanton 15

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 14 West Hull 29;
Beverley 22 Walney Central 2; Dudley Hill 2;
Saddieworth 24; Egramont 12 Wootron 9;
Lock Lane 28 Wigen 5: Pauriss 4: Maxheld
10 Heworth 21; Oldhem St. Armes 20 Leigh
Miners 19 First division: Barrow Island 38

Miltoid 20, East Leeds 26 Outon 8; Leigh
Least 10 Thomhill 28, Rednill 48 Blacytrook
10; Shaw Cross 29 Eastmoor 18; Stefaugh
48 Mickignen 6; Wigen St, Judes 36 Millom
4 Sacond division: Crofields 26

Dodworth 6: Eccles 10 Feetherstone
Amateur 12; Hull Dockers 17 Devision;
Moor 8 Saddal 24 London Students 14;
York Acom 29 Ovenden 16

SCHOOLS SPORT

FOOTBALL: Full Film Trophy: Fourth round: Bastol 5 Swindon 0: East Riding 2 Cowlie 1: Fourth round: replay: South Northumbertan 1: East Northumbertan 1: Barnsley 4: York 3: Hull 1: Stafforddhie Lasgue: Cannoch 2: Stoke 1: Stafford 1: Wolverhampton 2: Stoke 1: Stafford 1: Wolverhampton 2: Portsmouth 8: Historia 1: Pictional 5: Stafford 1: Wolverhampton 2: Portsmouth 8: Historia 1: Pictional 5: Shefted 1: Dorcaster 0: Event 1: Pictional 1: Bradford 1: Dorcaster 0: Levon Yates Trophy: Pirst round: Solfhul 7: Burriey 0: Werenal Trophy: Blackburn 3: Rossendale 2: Taibot Cup: Other 1: Manchester 3: North West Woodward Trophy: First round: Selten 2: Wigen 0: Second round: Leverpool 5: Blackbord 0: Chester 0: Salford 3: Harriepool Hospital Cup: Darington 2: Bishop Auddland: 3: Alcock Cupt: Macciesfield: 2: Tameside 1: Mid Chestrie 4: First 3: Snowdon Cupt: Kirbby 0: St Helens 4: Sun Shield: Croydon 5: Islangton and Cannden 0.

RUGBY UNION: Berkhamsted 7 Merchant Tayons', Northwood 21. Bradford GS 36 ram 7, Caterham 0 Brighton 17. Chichester HS 8 Portsmouth GS 15. Destorough 42. Gunnersburg 7: Dollar Academy 5 Edinburgh Academy 51. Dulwich 29. Ampleton 0, Haberbasheri Aske's 10. Coopera' Coborn 31, Hymers 22 Monument HS South Africa 22, John Fisher 62 Langley Park 5, Morchant Taylors', Crisbly 3. Kirkham GS 14: Mill Hill 5 The Leys 5: Mormouth 31 Adam GS 0, Registe GS 30. Tithin 12, RGS High Wy-combe 32. Bedford Modern 5, Outen Effabelit's Hospital 27. Exister 7, Stockport GS 43 Botton 0.

SKIING

VAL DTSERE: World Cup: Men: Grant statorn: 1, Mrc Grant of Sets (14,00) 2-29 49; 2, S Eberhaner (Aucknet) 1:15.90, 1:14.51) 2:30.41; 3, H knaus (Ausknet) 1:15.90, 1:14.51) 2:30.57 4, U Kagim (Senz) (1.16.15, 1.14.65) 2:30.90; 5, S Locher (Senz) (1.15.21, 15.12) 2:31.03, 6, M Buechel (Juch (1:16.13, 1:14.91) 2:31.04 Leading World Cup positions: Glant statorn: 1, von Gruengen 200pts: 2, Eberhanter 190; 3, H Maer (Austhal) 160° 4, Locher 141; equal 5, Lirs Kackin (Senz) and K A Aamord (Not) 109. Overatil: 1, Maer 429pts; 2, Eberhanter 486; 3, Aamoodr 207; 4, J Strobl (Austria) 276; 5, Von Gruengen 274; 6, A Schrifterer (Austria) 221

SNOOKER

BUNGEN: German Open: Semi-finals: J Higgins (Scot) bi R O'Sullivan (Eng) 6-4, J Parrott (Eng) bi k Doherty (tre) 6-4 Final: Higgins leads Parrott 5-3. **SPEED SKATING**

HAMAR, Norway, World Cup: Men: 1,500er. 1. A Scendrael (Nor) 1mm 49 52sec; 2. J Streamof (Holf) 1:50.58, 3. H Noalso Japan 1:50 71 Leading World Cup positions: 1 Ritsma 120pis; 2. Noake 110; 3. Scendrael 105 Women: 3,000er.; 1. C Pechstern (Geri 4:7:13 Invarid record), 2. T de Jong (Holf) 4:10:90; 3. C Zipstra (Holf) 4:11:92 Leading World Cup positions: 1. Pechstern 100; 2, Zijstra 100: 3, de Jong 99

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Pak Fah Yeow World doubles championehips: Men: Semi-finelist: England (Walker and M Carns) bi Pakutan (Arnad Khan and Zubair Jahan Nhan) 15-13, 15-12, Australia (Jenson and C Rouland) bi Mateysia (Low and M Soot 15-4, 15-8; Australia (D Jenson and C

Rowland) bi Malavsia (K Low and M Sooi 15-4, 16-8 Third place play-off; Palistan bi Malaysia 15-12, 15-10, Final; England bi Australia 15-11, 15-13 Women; Semi-tinals; England Listerium and S Wingh; bit South Africa (C Nilch and Granger, 16-5, 9-15, 15-12; New Zealand II. Joyco und P Beamol bi Australa (S FitoSpraid and C Owen;) 15-7, 15-13 Third place play-off; Australia of South Africa 15-13, 15-8 Final; New Zealand bit England 15-4, 15-12 Mosed; Semi-tinals; England (C Walker and C Jackman) bit Cenado (J Crombre and H Wallace (Can) 15-7, 15-11, Australia (G Jenson and I Linnig) bit South Africa (M Moris and N Granger) 15-5, 8-15, 17-5, Final; Australia bit England 15-10, 15-11

SWIMMING

PONDS FORGE, Sheffleid: ASA national winter champonships. Mem: Freeshjet: 50m: 1, M. Foster (Bath University) 22.97set; 2, M. Fribbers (Camden Sanss Cottage) 23.06-2, B. Morgan (Camegei 23.30-100m: 1, M. Stevens (University) of Bath) 50 66ce; 2, P. Hibbers (Camedn Sanss Cottage) 50.81, 3, M. Shackett (Millield) 50.95-200m: 1, Stevens: Imm 50-33set; 2, J. Saber (Editough) 1.50-20, 3, M. Spackman (Bath University) 1.51-64, 1,500m; 1, G. Smith (Stockport) 1.52-100; 2, 1,400m; 1,60 mth, 1,500m; 1,51-100; 2, 1,400m; 1,60 mth, PONDS FORGE, Sheffleld; ASA national

iCity of Lecco I 2 01 67 2 J Crery (Haverral), 202.15 3. V Homer I Stockport Metro), 202.40 400m; 1. Capa 4.15 70. 2. Homer, 4.18 72. 3, H Cerna (C2) 4.19 55 800m; 1. H Billington (St Helens) 8mm 52 47562, 2. J Huster (Borough of Hillington) 8 54.90 3. M Pedder (Porismouth Northsea), 8 58 84, Backstroke; 100m; 1. F. Jugger, Illohomorp, 104 10; 2. S Proc. (Barrel), 104 57, 2. K Serton (Porismouth), 104 67, 200m; 1. H Don-Duncan (Ashron Central), 213 86; 2. K Ceshar (Eding), 216 72, 3 J Deulens (Cryrol Coverny), 2 17 16 Backstroke; 50m; 1. J Jung (University of Bath), 33 00sec, 2. S Bromsdon ič by of Bromgram), 33 at 3 E Robinson (University of Bath), 33 61, 100m; 1. H Hardmersh (Loods), 112 19, 3. H Ear, file excastler, 112 20. Butterfly Som; 1. C Fool (104), 28 (6acc), 2 December, 3 47, 2 S Massey (Loughborough), 28 63, 100m; 1. Fool 101 84, 2, Pender, 102 44, 3 5 Lee (Camphil Edwardson), 1, 03 at 3, 200m; in dividual medley, 1, 3 Rioph (Revocute), 2 15 82, 2 Sea at 3, 200m; 1, M Pecokic (Porismouth), 2, 13 50, 2, 6 T Lee (Camphil), 21 52, 3, 5 S S, 3 D Majeriora (Carl 2, 1997), 4 v 100m; medley, relay, 1, University, 3, 356, 11, 3, Porismouth, 3, 57, 33.

TENNIS

NOTTINGHAM; Grobank Tour Finals; Men: N Weal (Hants) to P Hand (Bers) to 7, 6-4, 6-3 Women: J Luroza (Russ) to 11 Egonola (Russ) 6-1 terred egotová (rtuss) 6-1 relited SYDNEY. Champions Indoor tournament Semi-finais: J Llovid (SB) to J June: ISA+7-6-6-1. J Connors (US) bi T Will-son (US) 7-6-6-3. Final: Connors bi Lloyd 3-6-6-3 10-7

WEIGHTLIFTING

CHANG MAI, Thailand: World chempon-ships: Ment 98kg: 1 M Tesovic (Stowaka 180, 220, 400 2 J+ Charles South Korda) 177.5, 210, 387.5 3 O Chuknov (Grz) 172.5, 212.5 385 108kg: 1, Cur Wenhue (Chinar 1950, 2200 4150 2 M Jedra (Phi) 175, 217.5 392.5 3 W Barnet (US) 1700 2000 390.0 Over 108kg: 1 4 Chemerlim (Russ) 200.0 202.5 Nortic record), 362.5 Nortic record, 362.5 Nortic record, 362.5 Nortic record, 362.5 Nortic record (Jedna 187.5 Women 88kg: 1, D Ackgoz (Turi Inator, 115.0, est. 187.5 Nortic record), 1031.6 25 Nortic record), 1031.6 25 Nortic record, 1031.6 Nortic record, 1031

RUGBY UNION

Allied Dunbar Premiership First division

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Leicester 55 Sale Lescester, Tries; Horar 2, Gustaro, M Johnson Moody, West, pencilly by Const Strensky 4 Pener Strensky 4, Sale: Triest-Howarth Ramatin Con: Howarth Pene Howarth, Att. 10 635

London Insh 10 Northampton 51 London fresh. Try: AlcColf. Com: Woods Pen. Woods Northempton: Trees: Allen. Dewiston. Grayson Pagel Pourtney, Townsend. Coms. Grayson 6. Pens. Gray-son 3. Att. 3,000

37 Gloucester 27 Newcastle: Tries, Amstrong 2 Legg. Melcarle, Ryan, Underscool Varcandidet Corr. Andrew Gloucester, Tries: Cating, Josef penalty by Cors: Mapletoft 3. Pens: Mapletoft 2 Att 3,000. Saracens 50 Both

Seracens: Tries: Johnson 2. Artifakare 2. Runol, Rayonezare Const. Lynagh 4. Bath. Tries: Butterd, Regen. Cons. Calard 2. Pens. Calard 3. Att. 10658

LEADING SCORIERS: 115: M Lyradi: (Salations 4 thes. 13 conversions 23 penalty goals) 97: 5 Howards (Sale: 1: 22c. penally goals) \$77.5 Howards (Sale* 11, 22, 1500, 1 Grouped goal 70. M Mapterott (Glouacester 2, 122, 1109, 160) \$7. Stransky (Lacester, 12, 10, 140) \$84. Glous Missps 11, 7c, 1500) \$97. I Lacrott Harlequint, 10, 6 (10), 2 (dg) Thes. St. Borm (Sale*), D O Leary (Hairequint, D Rocs, (Sale*), 4, Lynagh, J Wright (Richmond).

Second division 24 Blackheath Covertry, Tries: Hoslett Roberson Core. Harrs Pens: Harrs 4. Blackheath: Try. Pedoway Core. Brechweste Pens: Program C Brainwaie 5

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LEADING SCORERS: 146: S Tujpolotu (Leeds; 5 tries, 20 corwigsions, 27 penalty goals): 134: C Raymond (London Weish; 4; 33c. 150g; 1 drooped goal): 114: A Mounsey (Wharfadale; 4; 14c. 22pg): 109: C Alkinson (Nottingham; 1; 10c. 28pg): 107: J Cuartrili (Rughy, 5; 20c. 14pg): 104: P Rufiedge (Olivy; 3; 13c. 21pg): 98: A Maddock (Rosslyn Park, 2; 8c. 24pg). Tries: 8; D Bishop (Rughy), B Johnson (Newbury), 7: A Currer (London Weish): C Davies (Newbury), M Ginzud (London Weish): C: J Darrier (Worcester): J Reynolds (London Weish): C: J Second division north

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TENNENTS VELVET CUP: Fifth-round
draw, Kilmannock Falcons v Melrose; JedForest v Glasgow Hawks, East Kiltonde v
Hawick, Heriot's FP v Stiring County;
Edinburgh Academicals v Wassonaris;
Currie v Gale; Kirkcaldy v Boroughmuir,
Kalso v West of Scotland

If Thes to be played on February 28

AIB League First division 44 Bitackrock College 8 15 Young Munster 31 37 Old Belvedere 22 31 Cloritari 6 70 Dungannon 29 Bailymena Dolphin Garryowen Shermon St Mary's Coll

Second division

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TETLEY'S BITTER COUNTY CHAMP.
LONSHIP: North: Pool A: Curhem 26

Cumbria 68 (at Hartippool Rovers);
Warwickshire 34 Notinghamshire, Lincoh-shire and Dierbyshire 26 (at Rugby) Pool 8.

Lancashire 24 Letessershire 25 (at Preston Grasshire);
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Staffordshire 7 Yoldshire 52 (at Burton)
South: Pool A: Eastern Counties 3 Comwall
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CLUB MATCHES: Chellenterm 16

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FRENCH CHAMPIONS-BP. Pool one:
Toulouse 56 La Rochelle 19; Bapritz 33
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Mompelier 25 Agen 41; Bourgoin 29 Pau 9,
Toution 25 Perpignan 21; Stade Français 18
Bogles-Bortleeux 14



Charlotte Clements and Gary Shortland on the way to victory in the ice dance section of the Tesa British championships at the Hull Arena. Photograph: Simon Wilkinson

CRICKET

Under-19 international maich South Africa v England

CAPE FOWN (finel day of lour) South Airca drew with England SOUTH AFRICA: First Imings 504-8 dec (G Blott 201 not cut, M Street 79, M Craed 61 A Gait 55; P J Franks 4-65) A Gen so; r J r rans 4-65)

Second Innings

M Creed c Ranagan b Logen... J de Nobrega not oul

A Gel not oul

Extras (b 3, lb 1) Total (1 wkt, 2 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6 BOWLING: Logan 1-0-9-1; Franks 1-0-8-0. ENGLAND: First Innings P J Franks c Lumb b Moissing C P Scholield c Mplisang b Creed tN J Wilton not out Edras (b 10, ib 5, w 7, nb 18)

4-45-1; Hubdoph 5-11-14/
Second Innings
S D Peters c van Wyk b Mpitseng.
R W T Key c Mpitsang b Creed
I N Flanagen run out.
G P Swenn tow b Rudolph
M A Gough not out.
G R Heywood c van Wyk b Creed
G R Marier low b de Nobrega
'P J Franks e Gait b Mpitsang
C P Schoffed c Gait b Creed
IN J Witton low b Mpitsang.
K J L coan c Elliott b Rudolob Total (128,1 overs)........

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-121, 3-139, 4-176, 5-185, 6-222, 7-233, 8-244, 9-255 BOWLING Creed 21-8-64-3, Mptisang 28-11-36-3, Lumb 20-7-590, Petersen 16-7-22-0, Rudolph 37, 1-18-45-2, de Nobrega 7-4-8-1 Umpires: P Roypert and J Pateker Umplres: P Roypert and J Pateker
TOUR MATCHES: Second skey at tour:
Devenport: Tearmana 635-5 dec (6 Young
145, D J Marsh 129 not out, J Coy 79, D F
H8s 68: South Africans 132-5 Final day of
three: Port Etzabeth: West Incles, A 289
and 192-6 dec (3 Rajoonalh 76), Eastern
Provence 140 and 51-5. Match drawn. One
day: Brisboane: Nov Zeatanders 266-5 (M J
Home 102, S P Fleming 85); Cheerstand
266-6 (M L Love 76), Match bed

Women's World Cup England v Denmark

HYDERABAD (Denmark won loss) Eng-tend beat Denmark by 194 runs ENGLAND

Total (4wids, 50 overs) M Reynard, B Nicholson, C Connor, C Taylor and S Rediem did not bal FALL OF WICKETS 1-85, 2-171, 3-178, 4-BOWLING Kjaer 6-1-54-0; Christiansen 4-0-29-0; Nielsen 10-0-51-2; Brock, 10-0-55-1, Jonssen 10-0-52-0; D.S. Christiansen 10-0-53-0

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D S Christiensen bw b Taylor
D T Christiensen bw b Redlem..... Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 107 1M hersen and H hear did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-11, 3-15, 4-32, 5-53, 6-86, 7-93

5-36 6-60, 7-95 BOWLING Taylor 10-4-12-2, Redform 6-2-13-1; Smithes 8-3-6-0, Edwards 9-3-21-2 Connor 7-3-10-0, Reynard 6-2-18-1 Nicholson 4-1-21-0 Umpires V K Rameswarny and I Siverem OTHER MATCHES: Chandigarts New Zestand 236-3 (D Hockey 100 not out, X Withers 57 not out); Sri Lanka 71 Furidabad: India 145-7; Wast Indies

INTERNATIONAL MATCH (one day): Sydney: Australia A 203-9 (D S Lehmann 84 noi out). Australia 206-7 (R T Porting 79 not out). Australia win by three wickats. 79 not out.) Autorasis win by these winders.

SUPERSPORT SERIES (third day of tour) Jehannesburg: Gauteng 361 and 253-5 dec (D N Crookes 106 not out); Border 216 and 114-4 (B White 51) Centurion: Northern Titars 328 and 89-1. Griguatand West 104 and 310 (M H Gadley 134, P Barnard 53, W Bossenger 54: S Elworthy 5-82, P S de Villiers 4-105) Northern Titars win by nane elichets. Paart: Botand 165 and 265 (K M Curan 67: A Dewison 4-51); Westim Province 121 and 195-7 (L Ferrera 69)

ATHLETICS Cross country

Cross country

LISBON: European championshipe: Men:
9.30km: 1 C. Jongen (Den) 27mm 18sec.
2. C. Nybarg (Swe) 27:20, 3. S. Letotck (Like)
27:23: 4 M. Essard (Fri; 27:30' 5. A. Braz(Por) 27:32: Teems: 1 Portugal 34, 2.
France 45, 3. Span 56: Wormer: 5. 45km: 1.
J. Llado, (Fr) 17mm 20sec. 2, E. Filatova
(Romi 17:33, 3. O. Jevitic (Yug) 17:37, 4, A.
Sandel (Fin) 17:39, 5, M. Chrifta (Romi)
18:10, Teams: 1. France 21:pts: 2, Romana
22, 3, Span 46. Junior men: 6.45km: 1, G.
J. Leters (Holl) 15mm 45:sec. 2, G.
Weldinger (Austral) 15:40, 3, M. Mohamed
(Sue) 16:00, 4, J. C. Higuaro (Spl. 16:02, 5, S.
Haugrilan (GB) 16:10. Teems: 1, S. Solic (Yug)
9mm 08:sec. 2, M. Rosa (Fort) 915, 3, J.
Hence (Ger) 9, 16, 4, L. Klammann (Ger)
9:19, 5, S. Doman (Slovakua) 9:20. Teams: 1,
Cermany 15pts; 2, Yugoslava 33: 3. Germany 15pts; 2, Yugoslavia 33 3.
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PARIS: Figano recess: Ment. 12km; 1, P. Kosgei (Ken) 3769, 3. W. Chriwoto (Ken) 37:01, 4. D. Elpruto (Ken) 37:20; 5. J. Kosgei (Ken) 37:23; 6. M. Abacub (Alg) 37:24, 7. B. Zwierrchitzyshi (Fr) 37:25, 8. L. Zercual (Mari 37:25) 9. M. B. Hamadi (Mari 38:03, 10, O. Stiggelow (Fixes) 38:05. Women: Stim 1, L. Cheroma (Ken) 16:25; 2. M. Marucova (Russ) 16:20; 3. R. Josech (Tan) 16:34, 4. L. Malot (Ken) 16:40; K. Dulecha (Ehr. 16:49, 6. V. Alenacheva (Russ) 16:52; 7. A. Worldy (Ehr.) 16:57; 8. B. Bitzner (Fr) 16:59, 9. 2. Darkmani (Fr) 17:05, 10, D. Costecu (Rom) 17:14

AMERSHAMI: Betfordshire chemplon-Costecu (Rom) 17.14

AMERSHAM: Bedfordshire chemplonships: Men: 11km: 1, D. McCormeck
(Vauchali) 34mm 14sec: 2, W. Leviti
(Vauchali) 3414 3 h. McMahon (Bedford)
35/21 Teams: 1, Vauchali Sors; 2, Bedford
57 3, Leighton Buzzard (holders) 86
Women: Biom: 1, S. Reinslord (Bedford)
21.49, 2, E. Carbon (Bedford) 22.53, 3, L.
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Wanted: 20 people to run the marathon as fundraisers for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. By John Goodbody



A chance to go the distance for Diana



Diana, Princess of Wales, with Sir Jimmy Savile. Adults of all ages and abilities can enter

Readers of The Times are invited to take part in the challenge of a lifetime — a place in the Diana Team for

the 1998 Flora London Marathon. We have 20 places to

allocate to our readers who must be over 18. Read the

on what you reveal in this form. All the winners who

to sign a pledge form relating to their commitment to

form below carefully: the judges will base their decision

will take part in the marathon on April 26 will be asked

THE TIMES DIANA TEAM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM



100 per cent oversubscribed, but today The Times is able to offer readers 20 places in the 1998 Flora London Marathon to help to raise more than the target of £5 million for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

The Times 20 will be part of Team Flora, in which all the runners will raise funds for the Memorial Fund, one of the two official charities for the race next year. A special panel has been set up to select readers wanting to "Run for Diana" through the streets of London on Sunday, April 26.

The complete results of the ace — from the international heroes and heroines at the front to the determined joggers at the back — will also be published by The Times. There has already been

unprecedented interest in the 1998 event. A record 100,000 people applied to enter, including 20,000 who specifically responded to an invitation to

raise funds for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial

Fund and to remit such funds by May 31, 1998. Our

entry forms for the chance to win a place in the Diana

Team should reach the following address by January 9,

1998: The Times Diana Team, Flora London Marathon,

PO Box 5071, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 7FY. Judging will

take place on January 14 and the winners will be

informed by telephone by January 19.

run for the Memorial Fund. Two hundred and fifty have been selected. A total of 41,500 are being accepted to take part in the marathon, one of Britain's most popular sports

more than 100 countries, and 600,000 people lined the streets to cheer on the 29,135 competitors who ran from Greenwich to the Mall, triumphantly finishing the 26-mile. 385-yard course.

The fund-raising event will be poignant for many competitors because they will be the coffin of the Princess was carried on September 6. It will also be ten years since she was the official starter.

We cannot accept applications from people who have already been informed that



they have been selected to take part in the 1998 race. Our places are open to those who have been rejected or who feel inspired to run the course. Both men and women, experienced runners and novices, will be considered.

The five-member panel will be scrutinising the applica-tions to select the lucky 20, plus five reserves. The board of selection, all of whom have run marathons, will consist of: Chris Moon, the captain of Team Flora, who lost his lower right arm and leg when a landmine blew up in Mozambique and who subsequently worked with the Princess in her campaign against landmines; Andy Etchells, founder Editor of Running magazine and manager of Team Flora on behalf of the race; John Bryant, deputy editor of The Times; Patrick Sherriff, marketing and promotions man-ager of *The Times*; and myself, John Goodbody, sports news correspondent of *The Times*. The names of the chosen 20

will be published in The Times on Monday, January 19, and the newspaper will then high-light some of the runners' stories and preparations in the build-up to the event. All the members of Team

Flora will be supported and helped with all aspects of raising - from training and nutrition to self-motivation by a specially selected support team. All the money raised by the 250 runners will go to the memorial fund as all administration costs will be covered by the Flora London Marathon.

The spirit needed to take part in the race is exemplified by Chris Moon, who has run Il marathons since losing two limbs in 1995. He says that he wants to recruit people who felt inspired to help the causes that the Princess supported.
I hope people who have never considered running 2 marathon or raising money

thing that any reasonably healthy person can do if they have the determination or will," he says. These are the very qualities that Mr Moon has constantly displayed himself, attracting such attention worldwide for his fortitude that he has been invited to carry the torch at the

opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games in Japan He has never considered himself a victim even though he suffered horrific injuries.

will come forward. It is some-

He points out that he chose to work in mined areas for the Hazardous Areas Life Support Organisation (Halo) Trust, a British charity specialising in mine clearance, whereas people who actually live there

fter leaving hospital Mr Moon did a master's degree in security management and now runs a small company MTB (Making the Best his philosophy in life), which solves problems in the fields of human resource development and security man-

Less than a year after leaving hospital. Mr Moon also completed the London Marathon in just over five-and-ahalf hours. Then, last April, he became the first leg amputee to finish the 140-mile Great Sahara Run, described as the

toughest race on earth. The incentive of helping others, while fulfilling the ambition of completing a marathon, has been a feature of every competitor since the event was first held in 1981. The charm of the race is that adults of both sexes and all abilities can follow the elite

along the route. No other British sports event has captured the imagination of the public in its first few years so intensely as the London Marathon. Many people watch the race on television and then yow to run it themselves the following

The event also binds together the people of London. As Chris Chataway, who, with Chris Brasher, the founder of the race, paced Roger Bannister when he became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes, put it: "Chris Brasher has done more for the corporate spirit of London than anyone since Adolf

For those readers of The Times who are fortunate enough to be selected for the event, running through the crowded streets of the capital to raise money for such a worthwhile cause in the memory of a unique woman will be



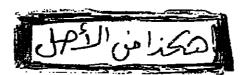
Chris Moon outside Kensington Palace: "Any healthy person can do the marathon"

Have you ever competed in a marathon before? How much money did you raise? For which organisation/s? Have you raised funds for any organisation/s before? . Female Male Describe how much you raised and how you did it Which category do you wish to enter? Men Women Handicapped Do you suffer from any illness/es? Do you have any outstanding achievements of which Have you been in hospital for an operation? you are proud? Tell us about them If yes, state what and when Have you, a relative or friend, ever met Princess Diana? If yes, describe the occasion What are your hobbies? Have you, a relative or friend, any connection with any State, in not more than 50 words, why you deserve a of the Diana, Princess of Wales, charities, or a special place in this year's marathon reason for wanting to be in the Diana team? Describe Please send the completed entry form to: The Times/Diana Team, London Marathon, PO Box 5071, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 7FY

CHANGING TIMES



Chris Moon, who lost two limbs in a landmine blast in Mozambique, has taken part in II marathons



Impermissible to leave law to jury

Ward v Chief Constable of West Midlands Police

Before Lord Justice Hobbuuse, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Otton

Pudgment December III The role of the jury in civil cases was to make specific findings on the various issues raised in the case to enable the judge to make the final decision on liability and if the judge failed to direct the jury properly on those issues, it would render the jury's answers to which the judge would make his ruling the law unsatisfactory and make his decision on liability

Furthermore, as a matter of law, certain issues in false imprisonment and malicious prosecution cases could not be decided by the jury so that it was impermissible for the judge to pose or the jury to

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Shane Ward, from the decision dated October 25, 1996 of Judge Hamilton sitting with a jury at Birmingham County Court whereby he dismissed the plaintiff's claim for damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution against the defendant the Chief Constable of West Mid-

On March 6, 1993 the plaintiff was arrested in Birmingham on suspicion of having committed an offence contrary to section 5 of the

Public Order Act 1986. On June 16 he was accruitted.

Mr Peter Herbert, who did not appear below, for the plaintiff; Mr Richard Perks for the defendant,

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that it was well established that the burden of proof was on the defendant to show that the imprisonment was not false but

Accordingly, the defendant had to prove on a balance of probabil-

(i) the plaintiff had engaged in offensive conduct (ii) within the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress (iii) PC Rawlings, who gave evidence at the trial, had warned him to stop (iv) the plaintiff then engaged in further acts (v) which the officer reasonably believed constituted an offence under

At the end of the evidence, the judge conferred with counsel in the absence of the jury as to the form and substance of a number of questions which they were required to answer.

The judge began his summing up, handed the agreed list of questions to the jury, then reviewed the evidence relevant to each of the questions. He did not, however, give any directions on the law of false imprisonment or malicious prosecution. He gave no definition or directions pertaining to section 5 of the 1986 Act.

sent the judge a note with the following question: Could you please clarify question 9. We are having problems with the meaning of the question."

Question 9 was: "Has the defendant satisfied you of the fact that PC Rawlings reasonably suspected the conduct of Mr Ward was offensive conduct?" The judge then responded with a direction on

Mr Herbert levelled several criticisms at the judge's summing up. He submitted that the judge ild have at the outset given the jury directions on section 5. in particular what constituted "offensive conduct". The direction in response to the jury's note did not remedy the omission. Moreover, it was defective in that it was incomplete and misleading.

Mr Herbert also submitted that the judge fell into serious error by allowing question 9 to go to the jury. Even though the question was agreed by counsel it was a fundamental error in that the issue of reasonableness should not be considered by a jury but by the judge alone.

His Lordship had come to the conclusion that Mr Herbert's first submission was well founded. The summing up was unsatisfactory in

The jury received no instruction on the law of false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. They were given no direction on what the jury would not simply be asked to give a general verdict but a

tion 5, the powers of arrest of a special verdict consisting of answers to a series of questions. The police constable under subsection fundamental principle was that the jury made specific findings on (4) or what conduct constituted offensive conduct under subsection. the various issues raised in the

It was not sufficient merely to give a preliminary explanation of the purpose of the questions and answers. The jury needed a suc-cinct direction on the relevant law so that they had a framework within which to address the

Moreover, the further direction to question 9 was incomplete in that it did not indicate that the behaviour for which the plaintiff was arrested must have occurred person likely to be caused harass ment, alarm or distress. That defect coupled with its lateness did not cure the earlier omission.

In his Lordship's judgment the cumulative effect of those defects amounted to a misdirection to the jury on matters of fundament importance, so as to render the answers to the question an un-satisfactory basis for the judge to make his findings on the law and rendered his decision "smiss the claim unsafe.

His Lordship was also satisfied that the appeal should succeed on the second ground advanced by counsel, namely that question should not have been ask It was necessary to define the role of the jury in civil cases where His Lordship was satisfied that it was impermissible for the judge to pose or the jury to answer a question as to what PC Rawlings reasonably suspected, or reasonably believed. Those were issues

case. Thus the jury was presented

with a questionnaire to answer which dealt with the disputed

The jury made findings of fact.

The jury's findings then provide the judge with material so that he

could give a ruling. In principle,

that meant the judge rather than the jury made the final decision on liability. As a matter of law certain

malicious prosecution cases could

not be decided by the jury.

ably believed. Those were issues for the judge alone to determine depending on the answers to the other questions.

Moreover, whichever way the jury answered the question it would have placed the judge in a serious difficulty if he took the opposite view as a matter of law. opposite view as a matter of law. Accordingly, his Lordship would set aside the judgment for the defendant and order a new trial.

Lord Justice Hobbouse gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Millett agreed with both. Solicitors: Maurice Andrews, Birmingham: Mr John M. Kilbey,

Solicitors risk claim of constructive trust

United Mizrahi Bank Ltd v **Doherty and Others** Before Mr Michael Burton, QC

[Judgment November 28] A proviso in a Mareva [asserfreezing injunction permitting a defendant to use assets otherwise frozen for reasonable legal expenses prevented such use from being a breach of the order and a contenint of court.

It was no guarantee in advance that, if at trial the plaintiff was successful in establishing a propri-etary claim against the defendant such that money so expended turned out to have been the plaintiff's, the solicitors acting for the defendant could avoid a claim of constructive trust for knowing

Mr Michael Burton, QC, sitting · as a deputy High Court judge, so held in the Chancery Division on a motion by John Doherty and Carmel Jacqueline Doherty seeking an order against United Mizrahi Bank Ltd that notwithstanding the bank's alleged proprietary claim to various properties. Mrs Doherty, the fifth defendant, was at liberty to sell one property registered in her name and to apply the proceeds of sale in discharging the legal costs of her solicitors. Lewis Silkin.

Mr Jonathan Crow for Mr and Mrs Doherty: Mr David Richards. QC and Mr Mathew Collings for

HIS LORDSHIP said that the bank was bringing an action against Mr Doherty for breach of his duty to the bank in which it alleged that he wrongfully obwhich had ended up in the hands of his wife and certain companies and had been used for the purchase of properties including the properties the subject matter of the application

The bank thus had a claim for breach of trust against Mr Doberty and in constructive trust and tracing against the other

In the course of the action the bank obtained a Mareva injunction freezing the Dohertys' assets here and abroad but incorporating the usual provises including one alkwing expenditure for reason-

able legal expenses. Mr Justice Rattee, on the Dohertys' application, had confirmed that they would not be in breach of that injunction by utilising certain as-sets held by them to fund their reasonable legal expenses of defending the action. But he added the proviso that nothing in his order should deprive the bank of any proprietary claim it might have in those assets.

The Dohertvs and Lewis Silkin remained concerned that if moneys were expended on legal costs i would nevertheless be suggested which might turn out to be the property of the bank which would stitute a further breach of trust and that the recipients of those Lewis Silkin, might be alleged to be in breach of constructive trust as a result of knowing receipt, or, although it appeared wholly un-

They therefore issued the present notice of motion effectively seeking in advance the court's ination that the expenditure on the costs allowed by the Mareva order would deprive the bank of any such claim of constructive trust either against the Dohertys or any recipient such as Lewis Silkin.

In fact, unless such an order was obtained. Lewis Silkin had stated that they would or might feel obliged to come off the record. That would leave the Dohertys without legal representation at the trial.

The issue was not whether the elendants were permitted to use the moneys to spend on legal costs without being in contempt of court for they were already so permitted e terms of the two orders s . The issue was whether the defendants could obtain in advance the court's sanction that moneys could be so spent without the risk of constructive trust

That would not only be relevant in cases where there were injunctions with or without provisos, but could and would apply in any case in which there was a proprietary claim by a plaintiff against a defendant where the defendant's solicitors were concerned that the moneys they were being paid by which at the end of the day would turn out to be the plaintiff's money. Mr Richards submitted that there was no warrant for the court to grant a sanction in advance. He referred to the limited ambit of the trial, and without any judgment as to the eventual merits, the expenditure of a trust fund, or an alleged trust fund, on the costs of one or

ther of the parties. An exception

Mr Crow said, was Finers (a Firm)

v Miro ([1991] I WLR 35). It appeared that the ambit of a claim in constructive trust against solicitors in the light of such authorities as Carl Zeiss Stiftung v Herbert Smith & Co [1969] 2 Ch 276) and Gamlen v Rochem (CA Transcript 777 of 1979) was such that the risk for solicitors was not overly great. His Lordship hoped

that was right.

It could not be right in the interests of litigants that solicitors should be looking over their shoul-ders just because they were not able to be completely confident in their chances of success for their client or just because the oppos litigant was busy asserting that he had an unanswerable case. That

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-

The omission of the boxed warning

to act quickly from the head of a landlord's notice to a tenant ter-

section 25 of the Landlord and

Tenant Act 1954 was fatal to the

The Court of Appeal so held

1 td from the order of Mr Michael

Hart, OC, sitting as a deputy High

Court judge, whereby on a motion in the Chancery Division be ordered, inter alia, that a notice

served by Sabella Ltd the landlord, on Gerald Alexander Montgomery

and Trendtown Ltd. the tenants of

premises at 76 Grove Park Road.

Chiswick, pursuant to section 25,

Ms Joanne R. Moss for Sabella:

ing the appeal of Sabelia

Lord Justice Aldous

Judgment December 2

validity of the notice.

Chancellor, Lord Justice Otton and

acting in a difficult case. But if the court was to be asked

which would otherwise be a breach of trust, so that a potentia third party would not be a constructive trustee who otherwise might have been, the court would have to be given the full picture. There might well be a difference

ply finding it difficult to be confident that his client would succeed, perhaps even beginning to think that his client was going to lose (situation A) and a solicitor who had information in his possession, which perhaps he was under no obligation to disclose, but which nevertheless led him to conclude that his client was certain to lose (situation B).

It seemed wrong that the court should bind in advance the conduct of the solicitor in situation B in the same way as the solicitor in If there was jurisdiction for a

solicitor to have that cleared up preemptively then it might well be there could be such cases. But in

Omission of warning fatal

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said

that section 25 of the 1954 Act permitted a landlord to terminate

prescribed form. The current form

prescribed by the regulations was

Form 1 in Schedule 2 to the

Landkord and Tenant Act Part []

(Notices) Regulations (SI 1983 No

133) which by paragraph 2(3)

included "a form substantially to

In the present case the tenants

on receipt of a section 25 notice that

contained several omissions, following advice from their solic-

bad, decided not to serve counter-

notices or take steps to secure a

new tenancy.

At the head of the prescribed

form was a large and prominent box in which was printed in

is intended to bring your tenancy

succession of abortive trials, all on

the question of the appropriate

award of damages, was far re-

moved from the cautious anomach

in Landell v Landell to the

If that question was approached

in the right way, one new trial should be sufficient to correct the

excess, because it was unlikely that

a second jury would reach a result

that the court would be able to say

was manifestly unjust. If it arrived

at a figure substantially the same as that reached by the first, that would tend to support the first's

figure as being one that a reason-able jury would award.

The majority in the Extra Di-vision had been right to refuse a

new trial. There were now two jury

awards, and the second wa £25,000 less than the first. When

account was taken of that, it was

would award such a large sum.

It was unnecessary to apply the

working rule, because a broad view of all the elements in the

pursuer's claim and the fact that this was the second award on the

evidence showed that it was not an

question of excess.

t the notices were clearly

the like effect" as Form 1.

Montgomery and Another v
Sabella Ltd Scott ViceRefere Sir Richard Scott ViceTrendtown.

his Lordship's view this was not such a case, namely a case in which the court had no idea whether there was any conceivable risk for the defendants' solicitors. He could have no idea whether

there was any danger such that it would be positively wrong to exempt that liability. In those circumstances he came to the conclusion that, sympathetic though he was in the particular facts both to the defendant and the solicitors, and knowing the solicitors in question believing that there was no possible risk of situation B in this case, and keen as he was that the action should go ahead with legal representation on the part of the defendants, he was satisfied that it was not a case where he could or should say, in advance, that there would be no breach of trust by the expenditure

of those moneys. He therefore contented himself with saying that the defendants would not be in breach of the injunction if they used the money to fund reasonable legal expenses. Solicitors: Lewis Silkin: Naharro

Before Mr Justice Laws [Judgment December 3]

had been granted there could be no

his appeal against the decision of Cannock Justices to grant a special hours certificate to Mr S. Shipley

crown court was unsuccessful and. at the time of the present action, his application for judicial review of the crown court's decision was still awaiting judgment.

that first action progressed, the publican applied for a second special hours certificate with more liberal hours. The second certificate, the subject of the present application, was granted in the same terms as the first but on appeal to the crown court it was

The publican had been unwilling to surrender his original licence before the High Court

to his associated brewery.

(7) The holder of the licence . . . may apply this section, or ter-minate its application, from such day as he may fix by notice in writing to the chief officer of police..."

constable; Mr John Saunders, QC, for the publican; the crown court did not appear and was not.

1964 Act no more made express provision relating to the surrender did in relation to the prevention of two or more special hours certificates having effect at the same

between two licences having effect and two licences being in force. That was an important distinction because, while no doubt a special hours certificate was in force from the moment it was granted, it had notice under section 76(7) of the

Group plc" and not "Ernest Jones Ltd". After the mistake was discov. ered an application to amend was made under Order 20, rule 5(3) by both Signet and Ernest Jones.

It was submitted that in the circumstances Order 20, rule 5(3) enabled the court to give leave to amend if it was thought just to do so even though the application for leave was made outside the time limit laid down by section 29(3) of

His Lordship said that there was always power without Order 20, rule 5(3) to correct a misnomer even if the limitation period had expired. What Order 20, rule 5(3) did was to allow the correction of a name even if that had the effect of substituting a new party.

March 1981. Zales Jewellers later That order had been construed in a variety of decision, including Evans v Charrington & Co Ltd (1983) 1 QB 810) and The Al Tawah changed its name to Ernest Jones on Ernest Jones at its registered office, a notice under section 25 of the 1954 Act stating that if Ernest

In those two decisions it could be said that the way Order 20, rule 5(3) had been construed went further than curing the injustice demonstrated by Davies v Ellshv Brothers Ltd (1961) | WLR 170). But that did could not alter what the rule was designed to do.

The rule itself was designed to allow a correction which related back. Thus if a party could bring itself within that rule, then a correction would relate back. The only question in the present case was thus whether the plantiff could bring itself within Order 20, rule 5(3) on the facts.

In the circumstances it was clear on the authority of Evans v Charrington that Order 20. rule: \$(3) applied and the only question was whether it was just to allow the amendment. No criticism had been directed at the view that it was just, nor could it have been. Solicitors: Eversheds; Theodore

One special hours certificate at a time for any pub

Correction of name

relates back

Signet Group pic was the parent

company of a group of companies

which operated a chain of retail

jewellery stores throughout the

country. Most of its shops traded

under various trading styles within its ownership: H. Samuel.

Ernest Jones and Leslie Davis were some of the names of limited companies within the Signet

Hammerson UK Properties plc

was the landlord of Unit E7, Brent

Cross Shopping Centre, Hendon, in the London Borough of Barnet,

and was the successor in title to

another company which granted a

lease to Zales Jewellers Ltd in

In June 1996 the landlord served

Jones applied to the court under the Act for the grant of a new tenancy, the landlord would op-

pose it under provisions in section 30 which enabled a landlord to oppose a tenancy application if it

was prepared to provide alter-native accommodation:

In July solicitors served a

counter-notice on the landlord stating that they acted for "Ernest Jones Ltd" and that "our clients"

were not willing to give up pos-session of the property. Corres-pondence ensued relating to the

nitability of the alternative accom-

By section 25 a tenant could

apply to the court for a new

tenancy but there was a strict timetable for making an applica-tion. An application which was issued in Willesden County Court

complied with the timescale laid

down in section 29(3) but the

modation being offered.

Signet Group plc v application under Part II of the Hammerson UK Properties 1954 Act.

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls, Lord Justice Morritt and

When leave was given under Order 20, rule 5(3) of the Rules of

the Supreme Court for an amend-

to proceedings and that would have the effect of substituting a

new party, the correction related back to the commencement of the proceedings. It did not matter that the amendment was made outside

the statutory time limit for

The Court of Appeal so held

when dismissing an appeal by the landlord. Hammerson UK Prop-

eardord. Frankerson UK Properties Ltd. from an order of Judge Lowe at Willesden County Court on May 16, 1997, upholding a decision of District Judge Gilford on April 9, 1997 substituting the transt, Ernest Jones Ltd. for Signet

Group plc on an originating application under section 25 of the

andlord and Tenam Act 1954. Order 20, rule 5 provides: "(3) An

amendment to correct the name of a party may be allowed ... notwithstanding that it is alleged that the effect of the amendment

will be to substitute a new party if the court is satisfied that the

mistake sought to be corrected was

a genuine mistake and was not misleading or such as to cause any

reasonable doubt as to the identity

Mr Michael Driscoll, QC and

Mr Andrew P. D. Walker for the

landlord; Mr Simon Berry, QC

amd Mr Guy Fetherstonhaugh for

LORD WOOLF, delivering the

judgment of the court, said that the issue was the effect of the mis-

of the person intending to sue...

commencing proceedings.

Lord Justice Waller

[Judgment December 9]

Regina v Stafford Crown Court, Ex parte Chief Consta-ble of Staffordshire

Two special hours certificates could not subsist in relation to the same licensed premises; therefore where a special hours certificate

application for a further certificate n more favourable terms. Mr Justice Laws so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the application of the Chief Constable of Staffordshire for certiorari to quash the decision of Stafford Crown Court to dismiss

when such a certificate already A publican had been granted a special hours certificate to govern his opening hours but in terms more restricted as to time than had een applied for. His appeal to the

In the hope of obtaining a favourable licensing regime while

The Judicial Committee of the

Privy Council expressed its con-

cern that the petitioner did not

have an opportunity either in person or through alternative

the petitioner had withdrawn

Thomas v The State

hearing and thereby possibly prej-udice his case relating to it as significant questions of law had been raised which were important

Section 76 of the Licensing Act 1964 provides: "(I) This section applies ... during the time that —
(a) there is in force ... a special hours certificate ... and (b) the section is applied under subsection

Mr James Quirke for the chief

MR JUSTICE LAWS said the

of a special hours certificate than it Mr Saunders' submission was that there was all the difference

Mr Saunders submitted that no difficulty arose if the licensee applied only one special hours certificate under the subsection. If an earlier certificate was effective because of an earlier notice under section 76(7) its application could

and should be terminated by notice. to that effect under the same

But that was not the procedure which section 76(7) contemplated. It provided for notice to be given to apply the section, not the certifi-cate. Obviously, it would be pos-sible to draft a notice which referred to a particular certificate. but that would be to give a notice, quite beyond and different from,

Mr Quirke also submitted that the possibility of multiple certificates would invite forum shon-successive applications to the jus-tices, obtaining successive certifi-cates, until he obtained one with limitations that suited him, or not limitations, or, if he did not, might. revert to and apply the least favourable of those he had

There was, as Mr. Ouirke acknowledged, nothing in prin-. ciple to prevent repeated applicahad failed. His Lordship could not believe that the scheme of the Act contemplated or allowed: successive applications for special hours certificates where an earlier application had succeeded with or ?

There was a clear available route provided by section 78A(4) of the 1964 Act, as inserted by section : 5(2) of the Licensing Act 1988, by which variations of limitations might be applied for. That was the route that should be used.

There was no place in the 1964 Act for the coexistence of multiple special needs certificates in relation to the same premises.

Solicitors: Mr Clive Alcock, Stafford: Jeffrey Green Russell.

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was invalid.

Whether jury awarded unjust damages The idea that there could be a

Dairy (No 2)

Before Land Browne-Wilkinson. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord Clyde [Speeches November 6]

In Sentand, in considering granted under section 29(1)(d) of ground of excess or inadequacy of damages, the principle in Land e Landell ((1841) 3 D SI4) applied taking a fairly broad approach, the tice or reached a palpably wrong

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the defenders. Inverness Farmers Dairy, from an Extra Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord McCluskey, Lord Kirkwood and Lord Abernethy) (1996 SLT 631) who he a majority (Lord Alternethy dissenting) had refused the defenders' motion for a new trial on the matter of the damages payable by them to the pursuer. David Martin Girvan.

Air M. S. Jones, QC and Miss Marion Caldwell for the defend-Mr J. R. Doherty, QC, for the

LORD HOPE said that the pursuer sought damages for inju-ries sustained in a road accident for which the defenders had admit-The action, now concerned only

with the quantum of damages, had been sent for trial by jury under section II of the 1988 Act. On December 8, 1993 the jury had assessed the total damages [193,080. That included E120,000 for solutium, divided into £70,000 for the past and £50,000 for the

On the defenders' motion under section 29 of the Act, the Second Division (1995 SLT 735) had held that the award for solatium was

Girvan v Inverness Farmers excessive and granted a new trial. On May II, 1995 the second jury had awarded total damages of £165.530, including solatium of £35,000 for the past and £60,000 for the future. The defenders had then enrolled the fresh motion for a new trial that had been refused by the Extra Division.

It was very unusual in Scotland

for a jury's award to be challenged

twice in the same action. It was

also unusual for one of the judges

in the Inner House to dissent on the question whether there should Those features revealed a feeling of unease among practitioners in Scotland about the relationship between awards of solati by juries and those made by judges

The Inner House could not substitute its own award for that of the jury. The assessment of damages remained a matter for the jury. In practice, in England such cases were now tried exclusively by

determine whether a jury's award

In Landell v Landell the whole court had considered the meaning of "excess of damages". There had whether the damages in that case were excessive and it was to the reasons given by the majority that une had to look to find the grounds

They had said (at p825): "It is clear that, in order to warrant the application of the term 'excessive', the damages must be held to exceed, not what the court might think enough, but even that lati-tude, which, in a question of amount so very vague, any set of reasonable men could be permitted to indulge. The excess must be such as to raise ... the moral conviction that the jury, whether from wrong intention, or incapacity, or some mistake, have commit-

led gross injustice..." In Young v Glasgow Tramway and Omnibus Co Ltd ((1882) 10 R 242, 245) Lord President Inglis had

said: "It seems to me that, unless it can be said that the verdict ought not to have been for more than onehalf of the sum awarded, there is not ... any room for interference."

That seemed to be the origin of what was later referred to as the working rule of 100 per cent permissible error. McGinley v Pacitti (1950 SC 364, 368-369) per Lord President Cooper, who had said that it was out of touch with modern practice and had become obsolete. He had, however, been careful to say that special considerations would continue to apply to awards of pure solutium.

It seemed to his Lordship that the so-called working rule might still have a useful part to play in relation to solutium for personal injuries. It could be seen as no more than a convenient way of illustrating the margin for error that had to be allowed in such a case before a jury's award could be said to be so extravagant that no

other jury would repeat it. Having reviewed the authorities, his Lordship thought that there could be no doubt that the proper approach to the question of excess of damages remained that

described in Landell v Landell. If a series of new tripls was to be avoided, a fairly broad approach had still to be taken to the question whether the jury had committed a gross injustice or reached a palpably wrong result.

The working rule could not be treated as a precise formula. It was no more than a rule of thumb, or a check, that the court might use as a guide to the decision in each case. It was really no more than a convenient way of describing the test laid down in Landell v Landell in order to illustrate the width of the approach.

A passage in McCallum

Paterson (No 2) (1969 SC 85, 85). per Lord President Clyde, con-

tained a somewhat extravagant

view of the intention of Parliament

in enacting the Jury Trials (Scot-

land) Act 1815.

excessive award of the kind described in Landell v Landell. As Lord Abernethy had said (at no Lord Austron whether there should be a greater uniformity between awards by judges and those by juries was of considerable importance, but the question whether changes were desirable was a difficult one on which their Lordships should not express an

opinion. It was best left for

consideration by the Scottish Law

plete study might be undertaken.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord

Mackay and Lord Slynn agreed with Lord Hope and Lord Clyde delivered an opinion concurring in dismissing the appeal. Solicitors: Reynolds Porter Chamberlain for Brodies, WS, Edinburgh; Dyson Bell Martin for Dundas & Wilson, CS, Edinburgh. to an end. If your want to continue to occupy your property you must act quickly. Read the notice and all the notes carefully. If you are in any doubt about the action you should take, get advice immediately eg from a solicitor or surveyor or a citizens advice bureau." It was established that matters that were irrelevant to the recipient

might be omitted without affecting the validity of the notice: see Sun Alliance Čo v Hayman ([1975] 1 WLR 177) and Tegerdine v Brooks ([1978] 36 P & CR 261). But the deputy judge had found the form in the present case deficient in relevant respects in that it failed to inform the recipient of his rights and obligations under the Act so that it could not be

considered "substantially to like

and was accordingly invalid. He nevertheless gave the landlord leave to appeal his order on the basis of Morris v Patel (1987) | EGLR 75) in which Lord Justice Dillon, sitting as a single judge of the Court of Appeal, was reported to have held that the omission of the warning to act quickly was not necessarily fatal to the validity of the notice if the tenant obtained legal advice and took appropriate

steps according to the timetable.

His Lordship beld that Morris v Patel was not a decision that the warning was irrelevant and could be omitted and in so far as it was, it was not good law. Without the boxed warning at the top of the notice it was invalid.

Lord Justice Otton and the Vice-Solicitors: Gardner Weller,

Battersea.

counsel to put before the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobaso any point that he might have sought to have raised, because the urt had refused counsel appear ing for the petitioner leave to withdraw despite being told that Westminster: H. Omar & Co,

Court refused counsel leave

taken steps to instruct other coun-However the Judicial Committee (Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Hutton and Mr Justice Gault) on November 6 dismissed the petition of the petitioner, Keiron Thomas, for special leave to appeal from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago of his appeal

against his conviction of murder. LORD BROWNE-WIL-

KINSON said that the petitioner had in terms instructed counsel to

return the brief. Counsel had no authority to announce himself as appearing on behalf of the petitioner and their Lordships hoped that in future cases, if the court was informed. that instructions had been given to return the brief, the Court of Appeal would give the petitioner either the opportunity to address them himself or an opportunity to

instruct alternative counsel.

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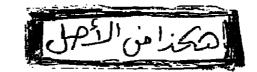
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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Avocet Mining, Channel Holdings, First Ireland, Hadleigh, MFI Furniture Group, Optometrics, Phonetink, Plysu, Finals: Fountain Forestry, ML

Laboratories.
Economic statistics: US
November industrial production, US Treasury auction of
short-term t-bills, EU employment ministers' meeting, EU
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TOMORROW

Interims; Batleys, Computerland UK, Euclidian, Kenwood Appliances, Toad, Utilitec, Zerno.

Appriances, road, utilitec, Zergo.
Finals: Caspian Group, First Choice Holidays, Greenalls, Hill Samuel UK Emerging, Securicor, Universal Salvage.
Economic statistics: UK November public sector borrowing requirement, US November consumer prices index, US November housing starts, federal open market committee meeting. US Treasury announces size of shorterm t-bills, Redbook weekly survey of US retail sales.

WEDNESDAY

finterims: Carpetright, Druck Holdings. Finals: Chemring Group, Eurotherm, Legal & General Recov-

Economic statistics: UK October average earnings, unit wage costs, UK November retail sales, UK November unemployment. Bundesbank awards repos, European Commission weekly meeting, US Treasury announces size of two-year and five-year notes, Octo semi-annual economic outlook.

THURSDAY

Interims: Asda, Baring Emerging Europe, Belhaven Brewery, Creative Publishing, Jones Stroud (Holdings), Ptarmigan International Capital. Finals: Fine Art Development, London Merchant Securities, Warner Estate Holdings. Economic statistics: UK November provisional M4 money supply, M4 lending, UK November final M0 money supply, UK British Bankers Assciation end-November bank lending, UK Building Societies Association November building society lending, UK November car production, UK NTC November consumer confidence survey, Bundesbank central council meeting, US October trade deficit, US

FRIDAY

weekly jobless claims report, Federal Reserve releases summary of November 12 meeting.

Interins: none scheduled. Finals: Kelsey Industries. Economic statistics: no UK data scheduled for release.

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Staking claim in Canada helps First Choice to improve prospects

FIRST CHOICE: The City will be looking for a better performance from Britain's third-largest tour operator when it unveils full-year figures tomorrow. Last year the group cut the payout to shareholders to 2.8p despite a recovery in profits from £1.3 million to £10 million.

The new management seems to have got to grips with the group's problems in a short space of time, with brokers looking for a further recovery in pre-tax profits to between £19 million and £21 million.

To help to offset the seasonality of the peak summer season during June, July and August, First Choice, whose chairman is Ian Clubb, has expanded into Canada, bringing it into direct competition with Airtours.

It is hoped that the management will also have begun to improve margins while at the same time, reducing costs. Brokers will be anxious to establish how strong summer bookings are. With any luck, the payout could be as high as 5p in an attempt to repair some of last year's damage.

ASDA: Will Asda reopen bid talks with rival Safeway at some stage? The market seems to think it will. Asda's interim results on Thursday should produce further sales growth achieved on the back of increased selling space. Even so, the group remains half the size of rivals Sainsbury and Tesco, who command 15 per cent and 13 per cent of the grocery market respectively compared with Asda's 8 per cent. Eventually, it must find a way of making up the leeway. A bid for Safeway may be the most logical way forward.

Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at between £180 million and £185 million compared with £160 million for the corresponding period. Earnings are likely to be up from 3.9p to 4.3p.

Like-for-like sales should have shown further improvement and, despite zero inflation during the first six months, projected volume growth of 7 per cent should exceed the 6 per cent reported by Tesco.

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lan Clubb is expected to post better full-year profits when First Choice reports tomorrow

opening a further 28 hypermarkets by 1999, which is likely to push capital expenditure up by an extra £500 million. The payout will grow by

around 7 per cent to 0.87p.

MFI FURNITURE: There were encouraging signs at the time of the annual meeting in September, with group sales in the first ZI weeks of the current year up 9 per cent. Brokers such as NatWest Markets are looking for a modest increase in interim

results when the group reports

today, with pre-tax profits com-

ing in at £34 million compared with £32.7 million last time. Growth in earnings a share is likely to be just 3 per cent ahead

Sales in this country are expected to be 10 per cent ahead. But currency factors and tough trading condition are likely to see sales in France drop 8 per cent.

The payout should grow 6 per

sales in France drop 8 per cent.
The payout should grow 6 per cent to 1.8p.

CARPETRIGHT: Interim results are due on Wednesday and Nick Bubb at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, is

forecasting an increase in profits at the pre-tax level from £14 million to £17.5 million.

The group's performance will have been boosted by its new store-opening programme which will have also offset a patchy peformance.

Nevertheless, the company will have still managed to increase its market share at the bottom end of the range where its Carpet Warehouse continues to grow.

A 4 per cent increase in like-for-

like sales is envisaged.

GREENALLS GROUP: Full-

year figures from the puh and hotel chain operator are exected to contain few surprises when it reports tomorrow. The profits warning announced earlier this year set out the problems faced by the group and prompted brokers

downgradings.

NatWest Markets is now looking for a final figure of £158 million compared with £149 million last time, an increase of just 7

to begin a series of profit

per cent.

The rise in earnings is likely to be even more modest with 39.9p pencilled in against 38.5p last

The managed pubs chain is likely to have endured a poor second half, starved of investment after the Boddington's acquisition. The tail of the estate has since been transferred to the tenanted chain.

By contrast, the performance of the hotel division will impress, reflecting the improved conditions within the industry generally. Room rates have been rising along with occupancy rates. Its performance will also have been boosted by the Boddington's Village Leisure operations, now regarded as the most profitable part of the acquisition.

been positive for the franchised and wholesaling division, which now makes up almost 30 per cent of group profits. The payout should grow by 8 per cent to 16 cm.

EUROTHERM: The strength of the pound and receding margins will leave a big dent in full-year results from Eurotherm due out on Wednesday. Pre-tax profits are expected to have tumbled from £37.7 million to £29.5 million with earnings a share also down by around 20 per cent at

Brokers say there will have been some improvement in second-half trading over the first six months during which time sterling weakened slightly to improve overseas pricing. The introduction of new products will also have given a boost to the final quarter of the year.

The final dividend should rise from 9p to 9.5p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus falls on the Far East

Il eyes will again be fixed on the crisis in financial markets in the Far East. On Tuesday, the details of the Japanese banking package — which is expected to offer protection to depositors and capital injections to encourage takeovers of failed institutions — will be unveiled. Economists believe that with most of the well-flagged moves already priced into the market, the package will bring little instant relief. The Bank of Japan's Tankan report, on Monday, is expected to show the country's growth rate is virtually zero.

The events in the East will completely overshadow the US federal open market committee on Tuesday. Economists are not expecting a rise in rates and the Fed may express its own concern about Asia. Negative comment could prompt a spate of downgrades of earnings figures on Wall Street. Consumer price figures on Tuesday are expected to show US inflation remaining subdued, with monthly growth for Novem-

ber static at 0.2 per cent.

In Britain, the market will be looking for signs that the economy is cooling. The November retail sales figures, on Wednesday, are expected to be weak, in line with the British Retail Consortium figures last week showing growth slumping. MMS International, the economics forecasting consultancy, predicts a monthly fall of 0.5 per cent in ales, while the annual rate of growth will slip from 6.4 per cent to 4.5 per cent.

The unemployment statistics for November are published on the same day, with fears persisting that a rise in average earnings could still persuade the Bank of England to raise rates. MMS forecasts average earnings figures to rise from 4.25 per cent to 4.5 per cent — the maximum rate of increase at which the Bank feels comfortable. MMS predicts a drop of 15,000 in the jobless total compared with 10 000 the previous month.

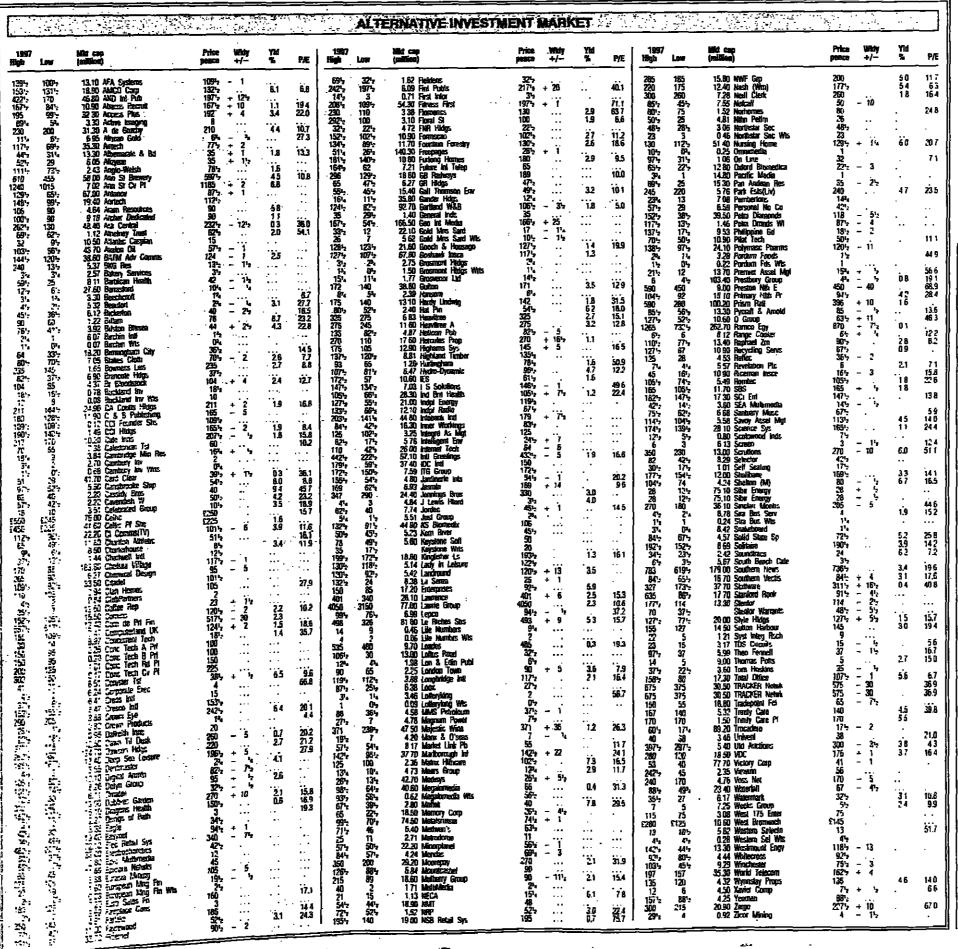
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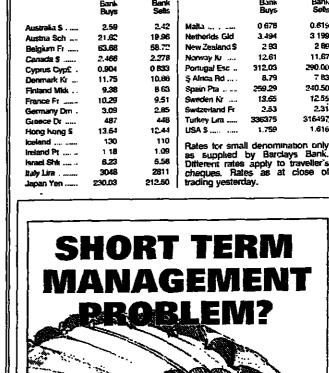
The November public sector borrowing requirement, on Tuesday, is expected to confirm that the Government will meet its revised forecast figure of £9.5 billion. MMS predicts the PSBR will total £2.5 billion, down on the same month last year. Confirming the weaker picture, M4— the measure of broad money supply— is predicted to show annual growth down from 10.9 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

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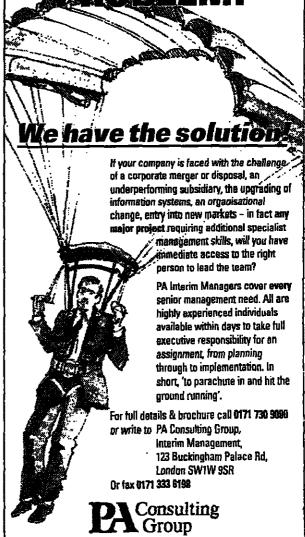
SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Wembley. Bass. Allied Colloids. o00 Group. Walker Crisps: Sell Dixon Motors. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Copyright Promotions. Wates City of London. TJ Hughes: Sell Kingfisher. Reg Vardy. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Winchester Entertainment. Card Clear: Sell McBride. The Express on Sunday: Buy Orbis. Calderburn. The Observer: Buy Blue Circle, British Aerospace, First Choice.





TOURIST RATES



Creating Business Advantage

Total number of employ-ees: 164.000. Financial services employees: 25,819. Tobacco and other company employees: 55,220.

Subsidiary company locations: Latin America, Ja-

pan, Asia Pacific.
Tobacco market share:
12.8 per cent of the world managed: £47 Funds

Cigarette brands: Lucky Strike, Benson & Hedges, John Player and Kent.

THE BOARD

Earl Cairns is BAT's non-executive chairman. Lord Cairns is a former chief executive and deputy chairman of SG Warburg Group.

Martin Broughton, the BAT group chief executive and deputy chairman is its services. He is also a non-

David Alivey, group finance Ulrich Herter, managing director, tobacco. Martin Feinstein, president and chief executive officer,

Farmers Group.
Sandy Leitch, chief executive, British American Financial Services, chairman Alired Dunbar, Eagle Star and Threadneedle

Asset Management.
Rosalind Gilmore, a nonexecutive director. She is also a non-executive direct tor of Homeowners Friendly Society. Former chairman and chief executive of the Building Societies Com-mission. Former director of the Securities and Investments Board. Rupert Pennant-Rea, a

non-executive director. Former Decuty Governor of the Bank of England. Director of Caspian Holdings and the Stationery Office. Sir Clive Thompson, a nonexecutive director. Group chief executive of Rentokil

Sainsbury. Clayton Yeutter, a полexecutive director. Also a director of Caterpillar and of Instruments. Formerly US Agriculture Sec-retary and US Trade

enneth Clarke, Formula One and Saks Fifth Avenue, New York's equivalent to Harvey Nichols, are an eclectic group. All three, however, have connections to BAT Industries, the £17 billion tobacco to financial services group, which has operations spanning the globe.

Mr Clarke, the former Chancellor well-known for his love of eigars, recently joined the board of the BAT Industries' tobacco division, just as it emerged that BAT was planning to buy a Formula One team to promote its Lucky Strike brand of cigarettes. while Saks Fifth Avenue was once owned, and then sold, by the conglomerate in its quest to move away from its core tobacco business.

The wide diversity of interests has become an increasing focus of criticism in recent years, as industry observers claim that the share price of the merged whole has significantly underperformed the alue of the constituent parts.

These criticisms were answered in October when BAT announced a deal that effectively unbundles the tobacco business from the financial services operation. The proposed merger between BAT's financial services division which includes Allied Dunbar, Eagle Star and Farmers in the US — and Zurich Insurance will produce one of world's biggest financial services organisations. It will have 1211 billion under management and annual new husiness income of £24.7 bil-

The deal between Zurich, headed by Rolf Huepi, and BAT comes eight years after an attempted takeover of BAT by Lord Rothschild and the late Sir James Goldsmith. In 1989, the two made an audacious £13 billion bid for BAT, through Hoylake, a specially formed company. The main purpose of the bid, which failed, was to force BAT to demerge. The argument ran that separating the tobacco. financial services and paper businesses, in the shape of Wiggins Teape, would deliver better value to shareholders.

Pressure for a demerger has intensified since then. Conglomerates are no longer fashionable and the trading environment for both tobacco and UK financial services has worsened substantially. Nearly 40 per cent of BAT

Industries' tobacco revenue is generated in the US, where

CORPORATE BEGINNING









Martin Broughton, top left, with Rolf Huepi and Lord Cairns, chairman of BAT, when the merger was unveiled; Silk Cut is one of the group's best-known brands; Lord Rothschild, bottom left, and the late Sir James Goldsmith mounted a bid for BAT in 1989; Kenneth Clarke has joined the board of BAT's tobacco division

legislation looks likely to drive up the price of cigarettes by 25 per cent. Tobacco sales contributed 60 per cent of the record £2.5 billion operating profit achieved by the group last year. The UK financial services industry has also been hit by a £4 billion pensions mis-selling scandal. Sales of financial products, and pensions in particular, slowed down under a deluge of bad publicity. These factors have contributed to the under-

over the past five years. Although BAT Industries has shown a total return of 17 per cent to shareholders over the past year, it has underperformed the all-share index by 6.74 per cent and the FTSE 100 by 10.35 per cent. The fiveyear performance has also been poor. Shareholders have seen total returns of 53 per cent, a 31 per cent under-

performance of the share price

performance of both the FTSE 100 and the all-share index.

The share price has also managed to underperform Philip Morris, the US cigarette and food company, by 31 per cent over the past five years, and Commercial Union, the UK insurer, by 27 per cent

over five years. Both operate in similar markets to BAT. Zurich deal have yet to be disclosed. However, sharehold-

The finer details of the ers will end up holding stock in British American Tobacco and Allied Zurich, which will own 45 per cent of ZF Group -

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"Demerging insurance should provide scope for a higher rating for the tobacco company. We do realise that there are problems with the US litigation. However, there is still scope for a big rerating. When compared to the other US tobacco companies, such as Philip Morris, British American Tobacco is on a much lower rating." Jeremy Batstone, NatWest Stockbrokers

'The deal with Zurich Insurance is good for BAT shareholders, as it enhances the overall quality of the insurance. Zurich has a very good record in the insurance market. Tobacco is unchanged by the deal. However, there is big potential for rerating. Basically, at these values, Brown & Williamson, the US tobacco manufactures the control of the control o

the joint company. Prior to completion of the deal, debts of £1.2 billion will be transferred to the tobacco subsidiary.

The merged company will consist of Farmers, Zurich Kemper Life, Universal Underwriters, Scudder and Kemper in the US, and Allied Dunbar. Eagle Star, Zurich Municipal and Threadneedle Asset Management. ZF Group hopes to make cost savings of £150 million a year within three years.

Analysts reckon the general insurance activities, and in particular Eagle Star, are the most vulnerable to the corporate knife. One said: "If Eagle Star had been independent, it simply would not have survived. It has lost so much money." Costs could be cut by integrating Zurich and Eagle Star's sys-tems and reducing Eagle Star's 12,500 worldwide payroll.

The merger also has implica-

Management, which runs E31 billion for Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar policyholders. This company had hopes of offering third-party investment management services on a global scale -- hopes starting to look unrealistic after the takeovers of Mercury Asset Management by Merrill Lynch, and of Morgan Stanley by Travelers Insurance in the

No more details about the merger are expected until next year, after each party has carried out due diligence. Analysts claim that it is difficult to work out an exact value for the financial services companies because BAT does not use the same accounting basis as other UK insurance companies. One said: "It is entirely possible that another company could come

in and bid for the group." The deal will leave Martin

banking systems. He said:

The extent will differ from

country to country, but I think the willingness of countries to

take this step at this difficult

time is a demonstration of

their recognition that the path

of openness and integration

offers them the best prospect

for continuing the remarkable

economic growth that has

been the Asian story for the

Ruggiero, its Director-Gener-

al, has now secured major accords to liberalise trade in

the three fastest-growing

under the world trade watch-

dog's umbrella. In March

countries accounting for some 95 per cent of world trade in

information technology prod-

ucts agreed, with a few excep-

tions and some longer phase-

in periods, to remove all tariffs

international industries. In February global telecom-

The WTO, under Renato

last several decades."

tive of BAT Industries, free to concentrate on the tobacco business. British American Tobacco sells approximately worldwide. It has manufacturing plants in places as far afield as Swaziland, Fiji, Japan and Chile, and manufactures brands such as Lucky Strike, Kent, Pall Mail, Benson & Hedges and Silk Cut. The biggest factor influenc-

ing the company's tobacco sales is new legislation in the US, which advocates banning tobacco advertising, limiting civil litigation and restricting smoking in indoor premises. The US Government also wants cigarette manufacturers to make payments worth \$358.5 billion (£215 billion) over the next 25 years to pay some of the medical costs for those affected by smoking. These payments will push up the price of a pack of cigarettes by a quarter. An analyst said: "No one knows whether increasing the price by this amount will actually stop

people smoking cigarettes."
Integrity Works, which gave BAT Industries an ethical expression rating of only one, said: "BAT Industries has a statement of business conduct which is for internal use only. This not only flies in the face of best practice, it also sits oddly with a group having a heavy financial services involvement.

"Customers, as well as others, need and deserve to know what an organisation stands for, and equally what it will not stand for."

Crisp, which looks at executive pay, claims that, according to its calculations, Mr Broughton's remuneration package, of £1.2 million, is 38 per cent more than it should be. Crisp says that the pay of the non-executive directors was 23 per cent above average.

CAROLINE MERRELL

Fat-cat quotient²...... 5/10 Financial record 7/10 Share performance.. 3/10 Attitude to employees 5/10 Strength of brand..... 7/10 Annual report.

City star rating......
Future prospects...

Boards with non-execs do better, says report

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDRISTRIAL EDITOR

COMPANIES with non-executive directors on their boards do better than firms with dominant executives, new findings on the workings of British companies will show today.

The results of an inquiry into the roles and responsibilities of company boards to be published today confirms the directors emphasised by the Cadbury. Greenbury and Hampel inquiries into corpo-

Adrian Cadbury, shows that the boards of UK listed companies with a majority of outside directors judge themselves to be better performers than those dominated by

The study, carried out by Towers Perrin, the manage ment consultants who advised the Greenbury inquiry into boardroom pay, and based on a survey of a sample of listed companies of different sizes and industrial sectors says that non-executives have a significant impact on

board performance.

gests that the acceptance in Britain's companies of the importance of good corporate governance has "progressed a long way since their limitations were exposed by the corporate excesses and collapses of the 1980s".

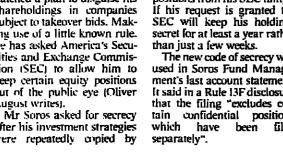
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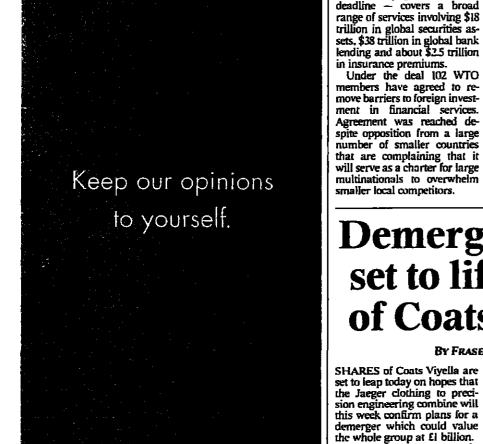
Soros seeks greater investment secrecy

lionaire speculator, has hatched a plan to disguise his shareholdings in companies ing use of a little known rule. rities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to allow him to keep certain equity positions out of the public eye (Oliver August writest.

after his investment strategies were repeatedly copied by gleaned information about his positions from his SEC filings. If his request is granted the SEC will keep his holdings secret for at least a year rather

The new code of secrecy was used in Soros Fund Management's last account statement. It said in a Rule 13F disclosure that the filing "excludes certain confidential positions which have been filed separately".





It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself.

THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Global financial services pact expected to restore confidence in Asian markets ing stock prices and weak

A GLOBAL agreement to open ties markets, forged at the weekend after a marathon round of talks at the World Trade Organisation in Geneva, should help to restore confidence in Asia's troubled markets and boost world growth,

trade experts said yesterday. The pact, agreed in the early hours of Saturday — two hours after the expiry of the official deadline - covers a broad range of services involving \$18 trillion in global securities assets, \$38 trillion in global bank lending and about \$2.5 trillion

in insurance premiums. Under the deal 102 WTO members have agreed to remove barriers to foreign investment in financial services. Agreement was reached despite opposition from a large number of smaller countries that are complaining that it will serve as a charter for large multinationals to overwhelm smaller local competitors.

set to leap today on hopes that

The company, currently capitalised at £714 million, is

expected to announce the split

as the centrepiece of the strate-

gic view conducted by Michael

Ost, chief executive. Analysts

have said the shares, which

closed at 1012p on Friday, could achieve a break-up val-

ue of 145p if the Coats Patons

division is sold for £650 mil-

lion and the Dynacast arm for

Dynacast, a precision engi-

neering company which makes telecoms and car parts.

is the most successful of Coats

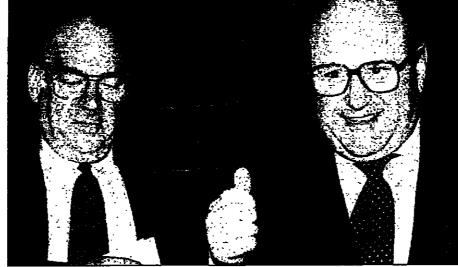
Viyella's five divisions and

generates more than a lifth of

group profits on 13 per cent of

been dragged down by prob-

However, the shares have



A relieved Renato Ruggiero, right, and his deputy, Warren Lavorel, after the talks

Mounir Zahran, the Egyptian ambassador, said that emerging economies had to accept because they needed the investment and linancing for their own trade. Malaysia,

lems with the company's fash-

ion retail and clothing divi-

sion, which include Jaeger.

The division is currently

halfway through a E55 million

restructuring programme to open cheaper textile factories

overseas, while closing some

The contract clothing divi-

sion is understood to be losing

out to Courtaulds Textiles and

Dewhirst Group in orders

from Marks & Spencer, which

prefers most of its clothes to be

company in May and has

been working on the strategic

review at the behest of PDFM.

He has been promising

results of the review by the end

of the year, and the City

expects to be given details in

the Christmas trading

Mr Ost was brought to the

made in the UK.

the institutional

company.

which owns 15 per .

Viyella and Dorma.

Demerger hopes

set to lift shares

of Coats Viyella

By Fraser Nelson

meanwhile, said it would continue to limit foreign ownership of its financial enterprises to 51 per cent.

Sharp rise

in labour

turnover

BY PHILLP BASSETT

LABOUR turnover is in-

creasing sharply in Britain

as unemployment falls, new

evidence from industry

shows today.

Personnel managers say

that the cost of replacing staff

has risen "significantly" over

the past 12 months and can

now exceed £5,000 for replac-

The Institute of Personnel

and Development's annual

labour turnover study says that 16 per cent of full-time workers left their jobs over

the past year. The rate for

part-timers was even higher.

at 22 per cent. based on a

sample of 731 organisations.

Almost a quarter of workers

who left their employer did

ing a single manager.

Lawrence Summers, the US Deputy Treasury Secretary.

Washington that the pact should help to restore confidence in Asian markets rocked by currency devaluations, fall-

Liberty victors to

By Paul Durman

fith, elected directors at Thursday's shareholder meeting that removed Denis Cassidy as chairman, are understood to regard the immediate appoint-ment of Andrew Garety as a replacement as a step in the wrong direction. Mr Garety, Mr Cassidy at Boddingtons and was a staunch supporter

so within the first six months of employment. Sectorally, the hotel and leisure sector saw the highst labour turnover rates, at per cent, followed by publishing (34 per cent) and food and drink (29 per cent). Lowest was the chemical industry, at 11 per cent.

face fight over new chairman

THE Stewart-Liberty family and Brian Myerson, victors in last week's battle for control of Liberty, may this week seek another change of chairman at the London store company. Mr Myerson and Odile Grif-

told a news conference in

who was Liberty's finance director, previously worked with

during the recent proxy battle. Mr Myerson, who has a 17 per cent stake in Liberty, and Ms Griffith, adviser to Elizabeth Stewart-Liberty and her family, are believed to have lined up an independent chairman. The two had previously suggested they would act as cochairmen for an interim period. Mr Cassidy told the meet-

ing on Thursday that the directors choose their chairman, not shareholders. Mr Garety's appointment was agreed prior to Mr Cassidy's removal. Despite winning seats on the board, Mr Myerson and Ms Griffith will be outnumbered by the four remaining Liberty directors at the board meeting scheduled for today.



Garety: staunch supporter

importance of non-executive rate governance. The inquiry, the first report from the Centre for Board Effectiveness, headed by Sir

executive directors.

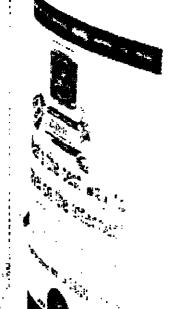
The report, set up by the Henley Management College, concludes that non-executive directors directors significantly enhance board performance where their nominal power base is at least equal to that of their executive colleagues". Sir Adrian Cadbury sug-

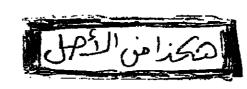
While up to now there has been only limited anecdotal and polemical support for the role of non-executives in companies, Sir Adrian says that the report presents "convincing evidence about their bene-

ficial impact". The report says that company chairmen acknowledge that boards are experiencing increasing pressure in reconciling their roles of business leadership and external accountability, and most accept the need to improve their

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the season of good cheer may be almost upon us but for many retailers this is a time of high anxiety. Christmas can make the difference between a good year and a bad one. After last week's survey from the British Retail Consortium (BRC), which suggested that in November sales may have fallen by as much as 212 per cent, followed by some nega-tive comments from individual stores, there are plenty of worried faces in the retailing world. Yet the Bank of England is apparently still concerned about rampant consumer spending driving up inflation, and it stands ready to raise interest rates again to head this off. Something does not quite

This Wednesday sees publica-tion of the official retail sales figures for November, so we shall soon know whether the BRC survey was overly pessimistic. These figures may have a serious impact on market views of where the economy is heading and on the outlook for interest rates.

The cost of the consumer's last fling

year were extremely strong even if this year's November figure is only down by I per cent the annual growth of retail sales will fall from 612 per cent to 4 per cent, thereby giving the impression of a sharp retail slowdown.

But these monthly movements can be highly misleading. Last year, strong November sales prompted widespread talk of a super-strong Christmas, but in the event, December sales (seasonally adjusted, of course) actually turned out to be weak. It is perfectly plausible that this year might see a reversal of this pattern, with a weak November followed by a strong December. If retail sales in December were to rise by just 112 per cent (after a fall of 1 per cent in November) then the annual rate of growth would shoot up again to 612 per cent, right back to the rate

Bank of England.

We may be at one of those turning points in the economy when the forces making for continued strength mingle and conflict with the forces making for slowdown. This is where wise forecasters fear to tread. Nevertheless, here goes.

It has long seemed likely, I have thought, that business would be strong this Christmas, not least because of the influence of the windfalls from demutualising building societies. The bulk of this money was likely to be saved, but a proportion would be spent soon after it was received. Yet because the money arrived in lump sums it was unlikely to be dribbled away on everyday spending or extra meals out. Rather it would be spent on substantial items.



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to see how strong sales of these were in the immediate aftermath of the Halifax payout. Holidays were another candidate, and sales were strong throughout the summer. Ensuring a good Christmas, was, I thought, a third attractive use of the spare cash, with a be more or less that. In this case, the growth, or even (temporarily) the absolute level, of retail sales would slide back as the windfall element faded out.

Moreover, there are other good reasons to believe that consumer spending will slow next year. Interest rates have risen by 112 percentage points in little more than a year. That may not sound much in relation to previous leaps in rates, but because the starting level was comparatively low it has meant a jump in mortgage interest payments of more than 20 per cent a huge increase for all those stretched to afford their mortgages.

Meanwhile, government policy should have a gradual restraining effect. Taxes are edging up while government expenditure — a big source of income and spending is hardly growing at all in real

will not help retailers either, deterring overseas visitors from coming here, and making them watch the pennies when they do.

In these circumstances, after their last hurrah at Christmas, it would come as no surprise if consumers put the brakes on in the new year. The Bank of England is likely to wait for evidence of Christmas trading before deciding to raise rates again, but if I am right about December spending being relatively strong, then I expect the Bank to increase rates to 712 per

cent in February.

Thereafter, what happens to interest rates will depend to a significant degree on what happens to the pound. Underlying inflation should trend down and edge below the Government's target of 212
per cent in the second half of the

year. This will take the pressure off the Bank and open up the possibility of lower interest rates. But interest rate policy focuses on the outlook two years ahead. If the pound falls sharply in reaction to the slowing economy and weaker net exports, then the Bank will want to hold interest rates at this level, despite the domestic slowdown. If, by contrast, the pound stays at these levels or, heaven forfend, goes even higher, then the Bank will surely shift to rate-cutting mode. In that case, we could even see rates of 6 per cent by the end of the year.

Enough of such prevarication. You'll be wanting a forecast, I suppose. My view is that the pound will fall and that the Bank will remain concerned to head off higher inflation (which will not in fact arise). Accordingly, I see rates remaining at 712 per cent for some time — perhaps even to the end of 1998 — before the Bank musters the conviction to cut them. At forecasts, it pays to play Scrooge.

Greenalls ready to reassure shareholders

By DOMINIC WALSH

LORD DARESBURY, chief executive of Greenalls, the pub and leisure group, will use full-year results tomorrow to reassure investors over the group's future strategy in the wake of a disastrous profit warning in September.

The group's admission that it took its eye off the ball after the acquisition of Boddington two years ago sent its share price tumbling to a low of 315p last month compared with almost 600p at the beginning of this year. Even the subsequent rally - the shares closed at 407'2p on Friday - has been on the back of vague speculation of a bid from the

likes of Whitbread or Bass. The damage was caused by a trading update in which Lord Daresbury, formerly Peter Greenall, admitted that the group had slowed down expenditure on adding new branded outlets at a time when rivals were pumping unprecedented amounts of

cash into their retail pub concepts. This was compounded by news of "dull trading" in its North-West heartland. The Greenalls statement, and a subsequent warning from Wolverhampton & Dud-

ley Breweries, sent fitters through the whole brewing and pub sector, although re-

Arcadian close to US takeover

BY DOMINIC WALSH

ARCADIAN International, the hotel group chaired by Sir Peter Parker, is thought to be close to agreeing a takeover by Patriot American Hospitality, the US real estate investment trust REID.

The Surrey group, which has a market capitalisation of almost £90 million, revealed in September that it had received an approach. but has steadfastly refused identify the mystery bidder.

The time that has elapsed since then has prompted some observers to conclude that the talks may have hit problems. However, one industry source said: "A formal offer could be ready in the next few days. The technical and legal implications of Patriot's REIT status have complicated matters, but all the issues look to have been resolved.

Patriot, which only last week paid \$1.3 billion for Interstate Hotels, the US group, is expected to retain Arcadian management and use it as the vehicle for its ambitions to build a significant presence in Europe. Central to that strategy will be the Malmaison joint venture, which will be rolled out in Europe's principle

Arcadian is also involved in the £43 million redevelopment of the Great Eastern Hotel, in the City of London, in partnership with British Land and Sir Terence Conran. The project is scheduled for completion in cent results from Scottish & Newcastle and Bass have eased fears over the industry's long-term growth propsects.

Lord Daresbury's com-

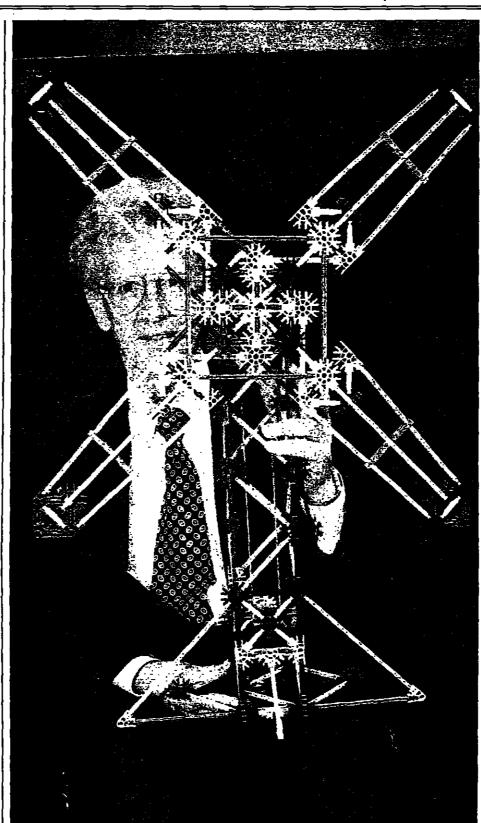
ments prompted analysis to revise their full-year pre-tax profits forecasts down from about El64 million to between £155 million and £157 million compared with £149 million last year. However, some believe the market's reaction to have been overdone and expect tomorrow's results to show signs of progress towards regaining some of the lost ground.

The former National Hunt jockey is expected to highlight the group's plans to step up the pace of investment in its main brands while selling off the lesser pubs at the rate of about 100 a year. Capital expenditure this year will be at least £200 million, with more than half that being spent on brands such as Henry's Cafe Bars, Miller's Kitchen family restaurants and Henry's Table steakhouses. It expects to add more than 25 new pubs in the current year and 60 the year after that.

There will also be further investment in its De Vere and Village Leisure hotel brands. Revenue per available room was running at more than 10 per cent ahead after the first II months, and the group is poised to develop a chain of standalone health and fitness clubs based on the successful Village Leisure concept.

One analyst said last night: Having quit brewing, Greenalls became a stock market darling, so the profit warning was a bit of a shock. But they seem to be doing the right things and I'm cautiously optimistic. They're not the sitting duck some people think."

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Peter Brown would have pushed for a French site had he foreseen sterling's rise

Strong pound plays havoc at K'nex

By Marianne Curphey

K'NEX. the American construction toy that has wrested market share from Lego, has admitted that the strong pound has increased its costs this year by 25 per cent.

The company, started three years ago as a joint venture with backing from Hasbro, the maker of Sindy dolls, has just opened a factory in Ashford, Kent. However, Peter Brown, president of K'nex's UK subsidiary, said he would have pushed for the factory to be built in France had he

was going to be. Mr Brown, former group managing director of Tomy in Europe and a past chairman of the British Toy & Hobby Association, said: "We are having to cut our costs by 25 per cent just to stand still, and that is a tall order. The strength of the pound has been a problem for us, but now that the Ashford factory has been established there is

no chance of moving it." The factory is on a site formerty owned by British Oxygen and represents a £4 million investment by the US parent company, K'nex International. It employs almost 100 people and the 115,000 sq ft factory serves as a world-wide distribution centre for the product, with markets spanning Europe, Japan and the Middle East.

K'nex is a 50-50 joint venture between Hasbro and a consortium led by K'nex inventor, Joel Glickman. One of the reasons for basing the factory in Ashford was to take advantage of the Channel Tunnel, which has a terminus

The construction toy sector is lucrative and K'nex claims to have gained 18 per cent of the market share since its launch three years ago. Lego. the market leader, has a share of 56 per cent worldwide.

European expansion planned for Firkin pub chain

FROM DOMINIC WALSH IN UTRECHT

FTRKIN, the pub chain that brews on its own premises, is to be rolled out across Europe as part of a major internation-

al push by Allied Domecq.
The chain, purveyor of caste-conditioned ales such as Dogbolter and Old Corruption, has just opened its second site in Holland and is targeting Belgium, France and Luxembourg. Malcolm Wright. managing director of Allied Domecq Retailing International, said: "We believe we could get up to 20 units in Holland, including about five

brew sites, over five years." The first Firkin pub outside the UK, the Fiddler 'n' Firkin, opened at The Hague last year at a cost of 4 million guilders (£1.2 million), including its own brew house. The smaller Florin 'n' Firkin, in Utrecht, cost almost 1 million guilders and has its beer supplied by its sister pub.

In Holland the group is looking for sites in Amster-dam, Rotterdam and Maastricht. In Paris it has four sites at various stages of development, the first of which will open on the Rue St Denis.

Initially, Allied Domeco will develop and operate the pubs from its own resources, although eventually it will look to franchise the concept, as with its John Bull pub concept which recently opened its 60th site in Beijing. It expects to spend about £25 million establishing the Firkin brand in Western Europe over the next five years.

Firkin, launched by David Bruce in 1979, was acquired by Allied Domeco in 1991, when it had 15 units. Last year it opened 40 pubs, taking the total in the UK to more than 160, representing a turnover of more than £100 million. The concept appeals mainly to younger people and the company tends to seek sites in areas heavily populated by students.

Wainwright in the hot seat | Record for KPMG partners

BY MARTIN BARROW

THE new chief executive of Care First Group takes office today in the knowledge that his days with the embattled nursing homes company may

Gerard Wainwright faces the daunting task of leading his company's rejection of a [24] million hostile bid by Bupa, the medical insurer. Mr Wainwright also faces the threat of a further bid from

Chai Patel; his predecessor as chief executive, who left the company abruptly in August. Although Mr Patel has not yet made a formal offer for

Care First, he has lined up financial backing from HSBC Holdings, the Midland banking group, and BCP, the venture capital concern. Mr Wainwright's conditions of employment at Care First do not include any period of notice beyond one month. Keith Bradshaw, chairman

of Care First, said: "If an offer were made for Care First which the board felt properly reflected the value of the business, Gerard's appointment would not stand in the way of recommendation. However, should such an offer not be forthcoming we cannot allow Care First to be blown off course."

become non-executive chair-Mr Wainwright, 47, has

Mr Bradshaw will now

been advising Care First as a consultant since November. He was formerly chief executive of Richards Group.

In 1988 Mr Wainwright led management buy-in of Nesbit Evans Group, a manufacturer of medical equipment and services that was subsequently taken over by Huntleigh Technology.

He has also led a Department of Health investig committee on aspects of community care.

CHANGE ON WEEK

Eastern fires first salvo in price war

EASTERN GROUP has launched a new price war in the supply of domestic gas and electricity by pledging to cut bills by up to £150 for consumers prepared to switch suppliers for the first time.

ply up to six million homes nationwide by the turn of the century, building on its existing three million electricity customers and 450,000 households that have switched to Fastern Natural Gas as gas

competition is phased in. Eastern is offering up to 24.6 per cent off current British Gas standard prices, saving at least £100 a year on a standard £500 bill. Households switching to Eastern for electricity Will receive a £30 cashback plus typical savings

US dollar 1,6527 (-0.0036) German mark 2.9306 (-0.0226) Exchange index 103.7 (-0.6)

Bank of England official close (4pm) STOCK WARKET

Sharman, senior partner.

By ROBERT BRUCE

PARTNERS of KPMG, the accounting firm that is set to merge with Ernst & Young, lifted earnings 24 per cent to an average £256,000 in the year to September 30.

Publishing the first ever preliminary statement by an accounting firm, KPMG today discloses that fee income grew 17 per cent to E726 million and distributable profit by 25 per cent to £145 million. Colin

described the growth as "prodigious".

Fees from consultancy rose 36 per cent to £153 million, fees from tax work was up 27 per cent to £69 million and corporate finance work saw an 11 per cent rise to £36 million. Services to manufacturing, retail and distribution clients rose 23 per cent to £171 million and services to financial sector clients rose 24 per cent to £134 million, London and the South East still powers the growth with a 30 per cent increase in fees. Elsewhere fees were up 20 per cent.

Mike Rake, chief executive. said KPMG had benefited from the reorganisation of the business along service lines, control of overheads and a huge increase in fees for transaction services in a highly active merger and acquisition scene. Although this year saw a record average

plans could put a damper on partners' earnings for the forseeable future.

KPMG's partners in America vote on the merger next weekend. The UK partners will see their application go to the competition authorities in Brussels by Christmas and will have their own prospectus on the merger by the end of January and a vote in February. The firm does not expect payout, KPMG's merger authorities until March.



Answers from page 34

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WORD-WATCHING

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(c) A crucible steel made in southern India by fusing a magnetic ore with carbonaceous matter.

CHIROPLAST

(a) A handrest for piano practice. It formed part of the once popular Logier system. This was an eponym of J. B. Logier (177-1846) who promoted a system whereby ten or a dozen pupils could be taught simultaneously.

(a) To take away. To do away with or destroy. Also to take up, to appropriate by encroachment. The Old English word. "Han me fornime tung and

PORTUNAL

(c) An organ stop consisting of open wooden pipes, wider at the top than at the bottom, and having a particularly smooth tone.

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Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by Ford Motor Company (U.S.) on 8 October, 1997 NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or after 15 December, 1997.

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Claims should be lodged with the DEPOSITARY; National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments Counter, c/o NatWest Markets, 1st Floor, 135 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3UR on special forms obtainable from that office.

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should mark payment of the dividend in the appropriate square on the reverse of the certificate.

All other claimants must complete the special form and present this at the above address together with the certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

Dated 15 December, 1997

cottish Office ministers are coming to terms with the aftermath of a Korean company's shock decision to mothball its mammoth semiconductor plant near Dunfermline, Fife. The news that Hyundai, hit by the financial crisis in Asia, may not proceed with Scotland's largest inward investment project to date has sturined govermment agencies, business

leaders and local companies. Not only is the prospect of some 2,000 promised jobs now in grave doubt: at least £30 million of public money has already been sunk into transforming the site of the new plant. An entire new road system, landscaping, sewage. electricity and communications networks have been installed north of the Forth Bridge alongside the M90 motorway, without the creation of a single new job.

It is hard to convey the dimensions of this setback. Hyundai was the jewel in Scotland's inward investment crown hailed by the previous Gov-ernment, which landed the contract, and the present one, which inherited it, as testimony that the country's economy was strong and stable. reign companies, it was claimed, were queuing up to invest, because Scotland had so much to offer. A skilled,

Philip Bassett

follows the

progress of

policies that

give business

most concern

significant steps since the gen-

eral election. Ministers will

agree to implement key Euro-

pean employment measures from which Britain was previ-

ously exempt under its opt-out from the social chapter of the

Before the election, the main

business concerns about

Labour's return to power in-

cluded its plan to introduce a

national minimum wage, its

tory trade union recognition and its intention to sign up for

Tomorrow Margaret Beck-

ett. President of the Board of

Trade, will guide the Bill to

implement the minimum wage

through its second reading in

the House of Commons. Last

week business leaders co-oper-

ated with the TUC on propos-

als to implement union recog-

nition. And today's move at the

European Union's social aff-

airs council on the social chapt-

John Major saw Britain's

opt-out from the social chapter

as one of his most significant

achievements as Prime Minis-

ter. In one of the first acts of the

new administration. Robin

Cook, the Foreign Secretary,

announced the opt-out's de-

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Harsh lessons of the Hyundai debacle

force, good transport and a gateway to Europe were all just as important as regional selective assistance or generous subsidies.

Accusations that Scottish agencies were luring investors away from other parts of the UK with the offer of vast financial inducements were ridiculed. The truth, we were assured, was that Scotland was simply a better bet.

Only now has the extent of the gamble been exposed. Hyundai was heavily dependent both on the wider market for its silicon memory chips and on the soundness of the Korean economy. Once those wavered, the decision to pull back was swift and merciless. The company announced it was cutting overseas investment by 30 per cent, and the Dunfermline plant would be mothballed for "up to a year".

Although ministers, including Donald Dewar, the Scot-tish Secretary, have made reassuring noises about this being a temporary setback, they have no idea whether Hyun-



MAGNUS LINKLATER

ing at the current run on Korean hanks, or the tight conditions imposed by the IMF in exchange for bailing out the economy, could possibly be optimistic about prospects.

Scotland's electronics industry has always been vulnerable to factors over which it has little control. The so-called "screwdriver economy", one which produces or assembles products that have been researched and developed elsewhere, tends to be the one that suffers first if a foreign company is retrenching. It is true

Blair's balancing act tested

as Labour ends 'opt-out'

that agencies such as Locate in Scotland have become highly skilled in attracting international investors, winning contracts from under the noses of the Irish, French or Welsh. It is also true that a skilled and well-trained workforce has been developed.

But despite two decades of

manufacturing other people's inventions, Scotland has yet to develop its own indigenous electronics industry. It is thus at the mercy of boardroom decisions made in Tokyo or Los Angeles rather than at home. And the stakes in the case of Hyundai were very high. There must be questions over how £30 million of taxpayers' money could be spent on an industrial site without any guarantee that the plant would go ahead; there has been no mention of compensation if Hyundai were to pull out altogether; and there is now the very real possibility that the Dunfermline site will simply become an expensive

Ministers were quick to point out that no regional selective assistance funds had been handed over, and that Hyundai itself had invested heavily in the project. But given the amount spent on a site that may now never be used, this is small comfort.

Ironically, the Hyundai announcement came on a day when a major investment triumph was being announced in Scotland. Cadence Design Systems of California is to go ahead with a computer chip design project in Livingston in West Lothian, which may generate up to 1,900 jobs. More nature of the deal. This is investing in the next generation of micro-chip, and the emphasis is on making Scotland a

world-leader in developing it. Four Scottish universities have been involved by Scottish Enterprise, Scotland's development agency, in creating a new masters degree course that would supply the highly skilled workforce that Cadence needs. Project Alba, as it is known, is precisely the kind of partnership that Scotland requires if it is to generate its own, rather than someone else's industry.

That might be enough to

ensure that the Hyundai debacle becomes, eventually, just a bad, if expensive, memory, But until then there will be wounds to nurse and harsh

too, about the Whitehall carve-

up since the election which has

seen the issue of European

social policy and legislation

sliced awkwardly between a

range of government

The Foreign Office, which has responsibility for relations overall with the EU, is leading

on the technicalities of ending the opt-out. The Department

for Education and Employment is charged with negotiat-

ing policy issues on employ-

ment in Europe. And the Department of Trade and Ind-

ustry has to implement any

legal changes, including those that will be agreed today and the still-outstanding imple-mentation of the European

directive on working time, which business leaders believe

will have far reaching effects across industry.

the Chancellor, has made it

clear throughout Whitehall

that because jobs are so central

to Labour's economic policy,

he is in effect the lead minister

jobs summit the Prime Minis-

ter, the Chancellor and the

Foreign Secretary were all in

attendance, but no ministers

from the Department for Edu-

cation and Employment were

Some employment special-

nder its presidency.

Britain will in fact

integrate the two

issues still further.

with the EU's education and

social affairs councils brought

together for a joint session in London in mid-March, though

the Government will also host

a jobs summit in Birmingham

for the G8 countries in May.

Ministers insist that on em-

nlowment and social policy,

they will not be swept along by

the Eurotide. Conservatives

are concerned that Brussels

will, for instance, try to push

the idea of national-level works

councils for all companies.

This is currently being exam-

ined under the Maastricht

mechanism by European em-

ployers and trade unions, the so-called "social partners".

on employment.

present

In addition, Gordon Brown,

TELEVISION CHOICE

An artist rediscovered

BBC2, 7.30pm

Anne Redpath may, as one expert declares in this film, be one of the finest British artists of the century" but her reputation has not travelled much beyond her native Scotland. Enter Michael Palin who bought two Redpaths, a landscape and a still life, for his home and was determined to discover more about the artist. The result is this film, first shown on BBC Scotland last month and now presented to the national audience. The quest takes Palin to the South of France, where Redpath lived in the early 1930s with her architect husband and three young sons and is still fondly remembered. But she came into her own as an artist only after her return to Scotland, spending her later years in Edinburgh and continuing to paint up to her death in 1965. Palin's tribute is typically warm, perceptive

Equinox Conspiracy of Silence Channel 4, 9.00pm

The stealing of scientific secrets is such big business in the United States that the FBI has set up a special unit to deal with it. Thanks to hidden cameras we can see the FBI in action. In a hotel cameras we can see me FBI in action, in a hotely from a scientist from an American university is trying to sell the formula for a geactically engineered protein to a Russian intelligence agent. But it is a sing. The "Russian" who hands over the money is no Russian but the man from the FBI. With a single formula potentially worth billions it is perhaps no surprise that scientific crime has proliferated, with the pharmaceutical and biotech industries as marticular targets. There is an industries as particular targets. There is an unfortunate side effect. Companies are having to become so secretive to protect their investments that legitimate medical research into areas such as cancer is being hampered.

The Sweene Channel 5. 9.00pm

A continued vote of thanks to Channel 5 for brightening up Monday evenings, even it is with a show that is a quarter of a century old. It is strange how memories of *The Sweeney*, for those of us who saw it the first time round, can deceive. It now seems much slower, with plots that ramble and

Porters Keith and Mark (BBCl, 9.30pm)

Now the

sometimes get lost, while the legendary rough stuff looks as stylised as the violence in *Tom and Jerry*. Despite the flying fists and howls of pain nobody gets seriously hurt and by current standards there is a notable absence of blood. Indeed the show can almost be classed as a cornedy, its enduring delight the wonderfully sardonic dialogue. Tonight's episode, by one of the best *Sweeney* writers Trevor Preston, sends Rezan Gohn Thawl and Carter Preston, sends Regan (John Thaw) and Carter (Dennis Waterman) on the trail of a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde.

BBC1, 9_30pm

Dear Diary

Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

We discovered a couple of weeks ago that David Smith, chef at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool, has two disfikes. One is his colleague, Brian Birchall, the operations manager, and the other is vegetarians. Both come back to plague him tonight. The hotel is getting ready for a largest banquet and Birchall tells the kitchen that there are reconstraints than they had catered for are more vegetarians than they had catered for.
Chef is not best pleased. Elsewhere in the Adelphi,
Eileen Downey, the forthright general manager, is
called to deal with a student function which gets out of control and Keith, the porter, is eyeing up the chances of a free holiday abroad. Rich in human drama and crisply edited. Hotal has emerged as the best of the current crop of documentary soaps. No wonder that it is attracting audiences of more than eight million.

This is a marvellous half-hour which will leave: listeners either wanting to fly at once to Cuba or, not go near the darned place in a million years. Cuba is of course run by our dear old friend Fidel

Castro, just about the last man on the planet still

scraping at the communist fieldle while all about him is chaos. He is mercifully absent from this

programme, though at the same time he is at the very heart of it. The real subject though is Claudia

Lightfoot, who lives and works in Havana. This

diary tells of three months in her life in the community, whose warmth and verve she conveys

superbly. Apparently the Cuban image of England is culled from the works of Agatha Christic and

WORLD SERVICE

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The Monday Play: A Miracle in No Man's Land Radio 4, 7.45pm

Not only is this play based on real events but it forms part of a campaign that is being waged by the British Legion and others to win pardons for some of the soldiers who were convicted and executed for desertion during the First World War. The play has been written by Alex Jones, who also appears as Joseph Taylor, a deserter. Taylor claims that he was commanded to lay down his arms by a vision of Jesus. He later admits, having escaped execution, that he invented the vision but claims that his escape from the war zone was in itself a miracle. The logic is somewhat tortured but the tale is well told. Christopher Scott appears as Captain Simpson, the officer detailed to defend

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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VIRGIN RADIO

5.00mm Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evens 10.00 (FMI) Robin Banks (AM) Graham Dene 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (AMV) Nicky Horne 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FMI) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffin 9.00 Scoti Chierolm 12.00 Loreine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Reebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Andy Wint

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5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today CLASSIC FM

6.00 on Alan Mann with the Trumpet Alarm Call and BreaklastBeroque 9.00 Henry Kelly, Includes the Hall of Farne Hour and
Pecord of the Week. Plus Michael Barry presents a recipe for
quick Christmas cales 1.00 pm Listaner Request Hour with JaneJones 2.00 Concerto. Eiger (Voltin Concerto in B minor) 3.00
Jamie Crick 6.30 Newenight 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven
with John Brunning 8.00 Evening Concert. An evening of music
performed by the Mortireal Symphory Orchestra Respictri (The
Pines of Rome): Pergolasi (Salve Regina): Beathoven (Pisno
Concerto No 5 in E Bat); Haydin (Symphory No 83 in G minor)
10.00 Michael Mappin. Includes at 11.35 Nocturne 2.00 cm
Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

ADULT MELTUS EXPECTORANT WITH DECONGESTANT

IMPORTANCE NOTICE TO CONSUMERS AND RETAILERS (BATCH NUMBER - 1197P187)

Seton Healthcare Group plc in the UK is taking the precautionary measure of recalling packs of ADULT MELTUS EXPECTORANT WITH DECONGESTANT following the discovery that the incorrect grade of alcohol was used in its manufacture. Only a small number of bottles have been sold and this can only be done under a Pharmacist's supervision.

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Robin Cook, left, and Tony Blair are taking Britain into Europe's mainstream

have emerged from the social chapter - a directive on European works councils for consulting with the employees of multinational companies, and another on parental leave, giving three months' unpaid leave for both parents after the birth of a child Today British ministers and

their counterparts from other member states will agree to proposals from the European Commission to extend the provisions of both directives to the

up its the opt-out. Both will take two years to implement in the UK coming into effect in December 1999, and are unlikely to give many businesses in Britain pre-millenium jitters. The parental leave requirements offering unpaid leave are in line with the practice of many good employ-ers in Britain, while the operation of the works council directive meant that many key companies working in Britain have already in effect implemented it, in line with the practice at their other Euro-

Nonetheless the symbolic importance for business should not be underestimated: Britain's isolation from the mainstream of European social and employment issues is over. The move, which follows the weekend compromise on membership of the new EU grouping on economic and monetary union, may lead to an even greater integration on other European issues, and especially on EMU.

Britain's closer engagement with Europe is already having practical effects on European employment policy. Last month's EU jobs summit, for instance, was significant for a rejection of the old-style jobs policies associated with the European Commission, and in particular with Padraig Flynn, its Social Affairs Commi er, who tried but failed to commit EU members to specific job targets. Britain, with the support of other key member states such as Germany, rejected the use of targets as impracticable, unachievable and

Tony Blair underlined the change vesterday. Speaking on GMTV about the jobs summit, he said: "It would have been unthinkable that we could have been there, determining the policy agenda, under the previous administration." Ian McCartney, Minister of

State at the Department of

Trade and Industry, and An-

drew Smith, Minister for Em-

ployment, will take that point

forward today. As well as

seeing the old social chapter

Major: negotiated opt-out

ists believe that Mr Blair's legislation applied to Britain insistence on the primacy of and agreeing finally, after the education as an issue for his EU's long-running process, a Government is a central reanew directive equalising the son why employment matters rights for part-time workers, are judged to be less important within the Education and Emwhich will also apply to the UK - they will set out the social ployment Department - a and employment priorities for point that both Mr Bhankett the EU during Britain's presiand Mr Smith reject. dency of the Union, which

begins in just over two weeks. They will emphasise what Mr Blair calls the "third way" over jobs, a new course between the dangers of overregulation, which has offered a high degree of job security in Europe over the past 20 yers but few new jobs, and the dangers of unfettered job flexibility, which in America has created 13 million jobs under the presidency of Bill Clinton but which has left the bulk of the American workforce with little employment protection.

David Blunkett, the Employment and Education Secretary. says: "We have ended the optout from the social chapter." But he adds: "At the same time, we will oppose over-regulation, which puts jobs at risk." Business remains sceptical of how such a blend can be achieved against the central-

ising force from Brussels on

social affairs. They are uneasy.

Graham Mather, the Conservative MEP who deals with employment matters, says that such a move would be "inappropriate" for Britain though he accepts that in a letter to him from the DTI, Mr McCartney is clear: "The Government awaits the response of the social partners with interest, but remains unconvinced legislation on information and consultation arrangements within companies operating purely in one member state."



6.00mm On Alr, with Stephanie Hughes, including Debussy (Prelude à l'Après-Midi d'un Faune); Schumern (Fantasiestucke); Verdi (Libiano me' Lleti Calid); Ginestera (Denzas Argentines); Handel (Oboe Concerto No 3 In G minor); Wagner

Handal (Obos Concerto No 3 in G minor): Wagner (Liebestod, Tristan und Isolde)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobdey, Includes Bartok (Romanian Folk Dances); Tavarmer, reconstr Keyle (Quemadmodum); Gounod (Petite Symphonie); Mozart (String Quartet in B flat)

10.00 Musical Encounters, Includes Copland (Ching-a-Ring Chaw); Seint-Seins (String Quartet No 2 in G); Mozart (Chudele; Non mi dir, Don Glovenni); Levinson (Five Fires); Schubert (Impromptu in A flat); Vivaldi (Concerto in D); Mozart (Dove I Perfido? Don Glovenni); Bentock (Sepphic Poem); Haydn (Piano Trio in E flat)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Sergel Prokofferi 1.00pm The Radio Linchtlase Concert. Live from St. John's, Smith Square, London, Chilingirien

1.00pm The Radio Lunchtiase Concert. Live from St. John's, Smith Square, London, Chilingirien Quartet. Beefnoven (Skring Quartet in A minor)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. Uister Orchestra under En Shao, with Nikotai Demidenko, piano, Hegai Shaman, vicilin. Includes Nieteen (Overture Helios); Hindemith (Symphony Mathis der Maler); Glinka (Valse-fantasie); Prokoflev (Plano Concerto No 2); Nielsen (Symphony No 2, The Four Temperaments)

Terriperaments)
4.00 Music Machine, with Ivan Hewett (r)
4.45 Music Machine, Verity Sharp visits the
Loughborough Bell Foundry to find out how
church bells are made

5.00 in Tune. Sean Rafferty Introduces great performances by the planist Dinu Lipatit, the Tallis Scholars and the Hollywood Quartet, plus Nigel Kennedy's powerful performance of Walton's Viola Concerto with André Previn and the Royal

Concerto with André Previn and the Hoyau Philharmonic Orchestra

) Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century). A concert given last night at the Albert Hell, London. Irina Chistiakova, mezo, London Symphony Chorus, Royal Philharmonic under Dariele Gatto. Stravinsky (Circus Polka); Mussongaly, orch Ravel (Pictures Irom an Edibition); Prokoliev (Centate Albertale). Alexander Nevsky)
Postscript: Role Play, in the first of four
programmes, Micrisel Billington talks to Michael
Pennington and Fiona Shaw about Shakespeare's

Pennington and Hona Shaw about Shakespeare's Richard II (r)

9.35 Benjamin Britten. Steuert Bedford conducts the Northern Stritonia, recorded at the 1977 Adeburgh Festival, in Britten's Pretude and Fugue

10.00 Volces. Susan Sharpe Introduces settings of works by the German poet Heine. With Turid Moberg, mazzo, Susie Allan, plano, Richard Edgar Wilson, tenor, and Eugens Asti, plano

10.45 Mibring It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall present a blend for officerant musical bastles

11.30 Compager of the Weeks Alexander Goely (r)

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12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Feliweather presents a
two-part musical tribute to Ronnie Scott. Tonight,
he is joined by the planist John Critchinson, a long-time member of the Ronnie Scott Quir 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for a Day 8.45 Pethaps, Prime Minister Howell James and George Bridges look back at what really happened in the last three years of Conservative government (3/3) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Weath, with the Times columnist Melvyn Bragg and guests

10.00 (FM) News; Dear Diary. See Choice (5/6) 10.00 (LW) News; Deity Service 10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Godfrey Wreeler 10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray 11.30 Womey Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Wildbrain, Lionel Kelleway presents the second semi-final of the natural history quiz 12.55

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2.00 News; Hand in Glowe. The second of three new episode of Stephen Multime's period drama. With lan Moltat and Markyn James
3.00 News; The Alternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker reviews a new production for the Weish National Open of Morteverd's The Command of Prompa with See-

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper testes
Korean tood in New Malden, Surrey (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: A Minacle in No-Man's
Land, by Alex Jones. With Alex Jones, Christo
Scott, Arthory Pediey and John Webb. See
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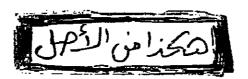
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9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hitton
10.45 Book at Bedtimer Candida. Anton Lesser reads
Voltaire's classic satirs. Translated by John Bult,
abridged by Andrew Simpson (6/8)
11.00 (FM) At the Shoulder of History. John Miller
taks to Mishail Gorbschev's former interpreter,
Pad Palazzhenko (5/5) (r)
11.00 (LW) Education Martiers. A look at the world of
lesning with David Walter
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament. A roundup of the
day's events in Westminster
11.30 (FM) Death on the Mile. Agatha Christie's classic
munder mystary, dramatised by Michael Balvewell
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with My Agent, by Rob Long, read by Rob Monow (1/5)

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Now there, surprisingly, is a funny thing

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teered to watch the British Comedy Awards (ITV, Saturday) from start to finish, all two and a half hours of the damned thing, soon spread. Neighbours organised a rota to deliver isotonic drinks every half-hour and my wife, a health food, er, nut, produced a potion said to be effective against MSS.

Moronic Speech Syndrome is of course the biggest risk offered by an awards programme, assuming that any of the viewers can stay awake long enough to catch it. Or so I had thought, in my sniffy, middle-class sort of way.

Shame on me. In fact the awards ceremony proved to be, or at least proved to contain, one of the television events of the year.

The category of best newcomer promises very little and this year the eighth that these awards have been handed out — it promised even less than usual, for there were

only three nominations: Phil Kay, of the intended effect by demonthe manic comic, Jack Docherty of strating that such British comedy the eponymous chat show on as is worth celebrating is either Channel 5 and Graham Norton, nominated on the basis of his work as stand-in when Docherty is away thinking up new ways to be nice to Kylie Minogue.

And the winner is ... Graham Norton. Blimey, that was a bit embarrassing, like John Prescott winning best newcomer in the Whitehall Farce awards. A camera caught Docherty's face in one of those "smile, dammit" poses and Norton, having been introduced as an "Irish homosexual", galloped towards the stage as if the faster this was over, the better.

The comedy awards have two main purposes: to fill a hugechunk of the ITV schedule on the cheap and to allow the denizens of British comedy to tell the rest of us how brilliant they are. In the first aim the show works perfectly. In the second it achieves the reverse

strating that such British comedy thin on the ground or growing

o, in a viewers' phone in conducted while the show was on air, Only Fools And Horses won the "people's choice" award with 41 per cent of the vote. David Jason, the star, won top comedy actor. Yet Only Fools no longer exists except in the guise of Christmas specials. Another oddity of these awards,

Guild of Great Britain, is that some of them are divided by network. Is this to give all the channels a bigger shout or is it to lengthen the awards show so that more people can get drunk? Probably both. So there was a top Channel 4 and BBC 2 person-ality (Paul Whitehouse) and there

was a top ITV personality (Cilla

which are decided by the Writers'

Peter Barnard

Black; please, I can't stop to answer questions), but I lost track of the top BBCl personality; the pills must have been wearing off. Of course, the person who actually deserved an award didn't get one, because he was introducing the show. I like Jonathan Ross: there. I have said it. He rescues events like this from the depths of tackiness by insisting on a semidetached position and by using

material that has a genuine edge.
I would make a lousy judge at these events. Lily Savage won best entertainment programme for An Evening With Lily Savage, so either that was a heck of a lot better than her present series for the BBC, The Lily Savage Show (BBC 1, last night) or the Writers' Guild will not be asking me round to confuse their deliberations. Paul O'Grady collected the award on Saturday wearing civvies but the voice was straight out of the Savage larynx and savage it certainly is.

Perhaps that is part of my problem: the voice simply grates. Last night the show centred on Lily's attempts to give up smoking, a lost cause in her case: "I could have a diseased lung in me handbag and I'd still smoke." But giving up cigarettes is an area that comedy surely exhausted years ago, and to work now it needs much more subtle material. But Savage is not a persona designed

t has to be said that the weekend was not entirely a barrel of laughs. In Your Dreams (BBC 2, last night) was the second drama in the Love Bites season. This was about date rape: two students, Clare and Jamie (excellently played by Thandie Newton and Oliver Milburn), go out together, attend a party, take in a few of the usual substances and return to Clare's bedsit for coffee. Jamie leaves but returns pleading for shelter from the rain. Clare takes pity, gives him the sofa. Next day she claims rape. He claims

consent. We the viewers see most of it from Clare's viewpoint until the case reaches court. The jury seems to have accepted Jamie's claim as to what a girl inviting a boy in for coffee actually means: "It's a code, we all know what it means."

date now? But Jamie is set free and only in a last flashback, seen from his viewpoint, do we learn that he was guilty.

A word of welcome for a latenight pilot programme that deserves a longer run. The Sundays (Channel 4, Saturday) is fronted by the Times columnist Melvyn Bragg and has a panel and a live audience deciding which halfdozen stories should be on the front pages of the Sunday papers. using as a basis for their debate the first editions of the actual Sunday

I have to agree with John Witherow, Editor of The Sunday Times, that audiences may say they want worthy stories such as the Somalian flood tragedy on front pages but what millions actually pay for is the latest on Paula Yates.

Matthew Bond is away

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (40405) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (45863) 9.00 Good Living A vegetarian variation of the traditional Christmas meal (1198134) 9.25 Style Chaffenge Nicholas Parsons and Frank Carson receive makeovers

9.50 Kilroy (2815931)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (1692196) 10.55 The Realty Useful Show (T) (8684370) 11.35 Change That in Sutton Coldfield (3800221)

12.00 News (1) and weather (9331028) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (2535221) 12.35 Give Us A Clue (5215009)

1.00 News (T) and weather (48950) 1.30 Regional News (17377950) 1.40 The Weather Show (86288009)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (48932824) 2.10 Petrocelli (r) (1986554) 3.00 Vets' School Last in series (r) (T) (5689)

3.30 Ptaydays (7641318) 3.50 Enchanted Lands (8111047) 4.00 Bodger and Badger (7645738) 4.15 Noah's island (3255405) 4.40 Goosebumps (6779641) 5.00 Newsround (7) (3337739) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (6230467)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (497979) 6.00 News (1) and weather (486) **6.30 Regional News** (738)

7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel invites another unsuspecting personality to take a trip down memory lane (1) (2270) 7.30 Here and Now Katie Derham reports on how up to one quarter of all breas

screening clinics in Britain are failing to meet government targets (950) 8.00 EastEnders (T) (6318) 8.30 Spark Rejected by Beth and relentlessly

pursued by Ursula, Ashley hopes his love life is finally looking up following a chance encounter with a beautiful barmaid. Läst

9.00 News (T) and weather (1467)

Hotel A bomb scare rocks the Adelphi, but it's not long before things get back to normal as the chel and the banqueting boss lock homs

10,00 Panorama: Eurofighter The debate surrounding Britain's most expensive defence procurement project (T)

10.40 Ruby Wax Meets Sharon Stone (r) (1)

11.10 Film 97 with Berry Norman Spice World - The Movie, Home Alone 3 and George of The Jungle starring Brendan er as the toinclothed hero. Helene Bonham Carter talks about The Wings of the Dove based on Henry James's tale of ession and betrayal (1) (572844)

11.40 Shogun Warrfor (1991) Period adventure, with David Essex, Christopher, Lee A Samural wards where he ignores his mission to acquire modern firearms for the Japanese army in tayour of wooing a beautiful woman. Directed by Gordon Hessler (782115) 1.15am Weather (9532581)

1.20 BBC News 24

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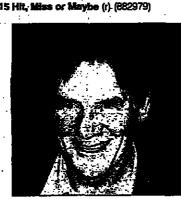
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10.30 Laurel and Hardy's Laughing Twenties (1965) Comic compilation from the bumbling duo (46573)

12.00 The PHB Sitvara Show (r) (79757)
12.30pm Working Lunch (13889) 1.00
The Greedysaurus Gang (r) (33891592)
1.05 Hairy Jeremy (r) (33890863) 1.10
Hammer it Home: new DIY series, Today: how to fit a lock (73549825) 1.30 A River Somewhere. Tom Gleisner and Rob Sitch start a world fly-fishing tour in Australia's Victoria State (75860) 2.00 Take a Meel: Vaux en Beaujoleis (r) (92621134) 2.15 Going, Going, Gone (45024979) 2.40 News (1) (7797486) 2.45 Oldie TV (5837115) 3.25 News (T) (3756394) 3.30 The Village (r) (844)

4.00 Ready Steady Cook (979) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (2522115) 4.55 Esther: Mother and daughter relationships (5901641) 5.30 Today's the Day (115) 6.00 The Simpsons Homer becomes a local hero (1) (487028)

6.25 Battlestar Galactics (r) (T) (211283) 7.15 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (882979)



Palin on Redpath Michael Palin sets out to learn more about the Scottish artist Anne Redpath (T) (592)

8.06 Trust Me. I'm a Doctor Discresing and treating imitable bowel syndrome. Last in series (T) (7660). 8.30 Land of the Tiger The Himalayas: blue sheep, brown bears, red pandas and

snow leopards (I) (201047) 9.20 Trade Secrets Professional builders pess on useful tips (131738)

9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (1) (T) 10.00 Does China Exist? Paul Menton offers a

unique perspective on the unexplained (1) (70486) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (577134) 11.20 A Date with an Artist (159047)

11.55 Weather (576080) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (87790) 12.30am Learning Zone: Eve Arnold (6595177) 12.45 20th Century Women

(4250625) 1.35 Changing Voices (8077852) 2.00 Movie Making (38245) 4.00 Greek Language and French Experience (18897) 5.00 Business and

6.00am GMTV (2683592)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (1193689) 9.55 Regional News (T) (7939931) 10.00 The Time, the Place (94641) 10,30 This Morning (T) (97421221)

12.20pm Regional News (7) (9320912) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5234134) 12.55 The Fashion Police (T) (5219825) 1.25 Home and Away Terri shoots Saul (1) (73555486)

1.50 Murder, She Wrote (9921592) 2.40 Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman: The Library (r) (T) (5825370) 3.20 News (T) (5769919)

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3.30 Tota TV (2078689) 3.40 The Slow Noris (8100931) 3.50 Cartoon Time (8106115) 4.00 Snow White — a Wolves, Witches and Giants Special (7663134) 4.15 Sooty Christmas Special '97 (7051115) 4.50 How 2 Christmas Special (6793221) 5.10 Home and Away (r) (T) (9203405) 5.40 News (1) and weather (623467)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (554) 6.25 Regional Weather (376573) 6.30 Regional News (134) 7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers Live



entertainment game show hosted by

The Webster family (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Zoe steals baby Katie from the Mallets. Natalie has a bombshell for Kevin and Sally Webster (Michael Le Velt and Sally Whittaker) (T) (55318)

8.30 Police Academy 6: City Under Slege
(1989) with Bubba Smith, David Graf and
Michael Winslow. More crime-busting
comedy with the inept police cadets. This time they are pitted against the Wilson Heights Gang. Directed by Peter Bonerz (T) (17486)

10.00 News (T) and weather (67912) 10.30 Regional News (T) (119399)

10.40 WALES: Departures Drama set against the background of a Welsh regional airport (1/5) (293660) 10.40 Conan the Destroyer (1984) with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Grace Jones. This sequel sees the heroic warrior from the past setting off to retrieve a magic gem for the evil Queen Taramis, unaware that

she has ordered his death when his mission is complete. Directed by Richard Fléischer (86232757) 11.40 WALES: Highlander (136196) 12.40mm Football Extra (8291210)

1.40 War of the Worlds (r) (7028332) 2.35 Rockmania (r) (5488158) 3.35 TV at the Belfort Festival (3/3)

(2741901)

4.35 Coronation Street (r) (T) (1275535) 5.30 News (82245)

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5.55am Sesame Street (33115) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38573) 9.00 Something So Right (T) (84689) Temple. A musical about an orphan adopted by a war-9.30 Curly Top (1935, b/w) starring Shirley

adopted by a wealthy man. Directed by Irving Cummings (3715739)

10.50 Valley of Fire (1951, b/w) starring Gene Autry. A western adventure directed by John English (1823776)

12.00 Sesame Street (64825) 12.30pm Light Lunch (r) (54383) 1.30 To Baldly Go. A man goes to the barber's to have new hair woven over his bald patch (72693370)

1.50 Who's Minding the Store? (1963)
starring Jerry Lewis. A slapstick comedy about an accident-prone dirrwit in a department store. Frank Tashlin directs (88293931) 3.30 Collectors' Lot from a converted coach

house in Surrey (T) (912) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (937) 4.30 Countdown (T) (2517283) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (5903009) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (283)

6.00 Home improvement: Wilson's Girtfriend Wilson is attracted to Jill's professor (T) (196) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (776)

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (984047) 7.55 Schubert Shorts The first of four programmes celebrating the life and works of Franz Schubert (202979)

8.00 Movers and Shakers: School's Out A group of youngsters have forsaken computers in favour of traditional board games (6/6) (T) (9028)



Eliacott and Robbins (8.30pm)

8.20 Pantoland The last in the series features veterans of pantomime Nigel Ellacott and Peter Robbins, the ugly sisters in Cinderella in Woking alongside Gary Wilmot and Rolf Harris (4/4) (1) (1863)

9.00 Equinox: The Conspiracy of Silence How the phermaceutical and biotechnology industries are protecting themselves from thefts of newly-developed drugs (T) (4047)

10.00 Cracker: To Say I Love You Fitz unravels the psyche of Tina while her dangerous lover, Sean, is still on the loose. With Robbie Coltrane (3/3) (r) (T)

11.05 Armstrong and Miller Last in the comedy series (T) (467991) 11.40 The American Football Big Match

12.55am Football Italia (r) (56807974) 3.10 Springhill More drama from the Liverpool estate (6400333) 4.35 The Gingerbread House (1996) starring Danielle Hawley and Danny Barnham. Two children are left alone in the house of

their dead grandfather. Directed by Colin

Finbow (1181142) 5.35 Schools: Backtracks (6121332)

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9.00 Espresso Consumer magazine (7125931) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (4580370) 10.30 Pole Stars. Following snow geese migrating from the Artic tundra to the Mississippi river delta (r) (T) (7607450)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (3409592) 11.50 Double Espresso (90065863) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (3902842) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (1696028) 1.00 5 News (88930318) 1.05 Sunset Beach (1) (4274950) **2.00** 5's Company (3486028)



Segal and Jackson (3.30pm)

3.30 A Touch of and Glenda Jackson in an Oscar-winning romantic comedy about a married with a British divorcee Directed by Melvin

Frank (T) (4369467) 5.30 Whittle Audience participation outz show (T) (4847592)

6.00 100 Per Cent (4844405) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (4835757)

7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news (5296370) 7.30 Animal Outposts: Up a Gum Tree The echidna, or spiny anteater, a native of the Australian outback (T) (4824641)

8.00 Period Rooms The learns are challenged to create a Victorian living room decorated for Christmas (T) (5212318)

8.30 5 News (T) (5291825)

9.00 The Sweeney: Balt Vintage Flying Squad drama starring John Thaw and Dennis Waterman (8862221)

10.00 The Cornedy Network introduced by the former Buttin's redcoat, Boothby Graffoe (2552301) 10.30 Tibs and Fibs Lighthearted medical quiz (2752509)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Cornecty and chat (5003950) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6180592) 12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (24361622)

3.45 Asian Football Show (5948055) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series (1) (5916993) 5.30 100 Per Cent (7017968)

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Davies urges Inland Revenue to allow gradual retirement

By PHILLIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

HOWARD DAVIES, chairman of the Financial Services Authority, today calls for an urgent review of Inland Revenue pension rules in order to promote flexible retirement packages.

The call is part of a new drive to press for so-called "gradual retirement", under which employees move slowly from

employment to retirement, mixing together income from both pensions and

Companies in the Employers' Forum on Age, a business lobby group, say that Inland Revenue rules are currently holding back employers and employees in Britain, and the UK economy as a whole, from the benefits of flexible retirement

Businesses in the forum, which in-

cludes Marks & Spencer, the Post Office, British Airways, WH Smith, the CBI, the Bank of England, J Sainsbury, B&Q and Manpower, suggest that the traditional picture of retirement has become "obsolete", though employers are prevented from offering new ways of retiring to their

The forum suggests that the retirement model for the future will be gradual retire-ment, where employees transfer from full-

via a period of part-time work. This allows a smoother change, permits employers to benefit from retaining the experience of older staff while recruiting new blood and offers greater workforce flexi-bility to the benefit of the wider economy.

At present, while anyone over 50 may retire and take a pension, at the moment they must retire fully and take a full pension, precluding the possibility of drawwage from the same employer - though Revenue rules allow for such a mix to be achieved if a person retires from full-time employment with one company and takes

part-time employment with another.

Mr Davies, who also chairs the

Employers Forum on Age, says today: "If we are to adapt to changes in our lifestyle and our economy, we must pave the way for greater flexibility in retirement. The

time employment to full-time retirement ing a partial pension alongside a partial Inland Revenue should reform its current rules to allow individuals to claim partial pensions alongside part-time earnings from the same employer, making gradual retirement a realistic option for employers and employees alike."

Insisting that gradual retirement has "enormous benefits", the forum says that current Revenue rules make it impossible to implement without individual employees suffering a "serious" drop in income.

Korea poised for massive intervention

By MARTIN BARROW

SOUTH KOREA'S central bank is poised for massive intervention in Asia's turbulent financial markets this week as the Government seeks to reassert control over the crisis that has engulfed the region.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) yesterday gave warning that Asian market turmoil could cut growth in the world's major developed economies by as much as one percentage point.

The crisis will be top of the agenda when President Bill Clinton meets Theo Waigel, the German finance minister;

ACER, the Taiwanese computer producer, will today

announce that it will create

1,200 jobs with the construc-

tion of a monitor factory on

the outskirts of Cardiff (Fraser

The news, which comes six

days after Toyota shunned the

UK to build a new car factory

in France, will relieve fears

that the turmoil in Far East-

investment from Asia Acer,

the world's third largest PC

manufacturer, has shown

Nelson writes).

New Acer factory to

create 1,200 UK jobs

the International Monetary Fund (IMF): Robert Rubin. Treasury Secretary; and Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, in

Washington tomorrow. The talks take place amid fears that a \$57 billion (£33.7 billion) rescue package ar-ranged by the IMF will prove insufficient to restore stability. Last week South Korea's financial markets continued to slide on fears that the IMF disbursements may be too slow to meet an estimated \$20 billion of short-term debts due by the end of the year.

On Friday Lim Chang Yuel,

South Korean chaebol con-

glomerates that employ 11,400

Wales has been one of the

main beneficiaries of Asian

expansion, enjoying £2 billion

of investment from South

Korean companies alone.

There have been fears that

LG, another Korean chaebol,

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Wales, creating 1,700 jobs.

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disbursements but this request was swiftly brushed aside by the United States. Today the central Bank of

Korea will begin pumping in a massive amount of money into securities houses and trust and investment firms. The move is based on optimistic, but widely doubted, predic-tions that South Korea's available foreign reserves would soon reach \$20 billion. South Korea's currency lost

about 30 per cent of its value even after the IMF agreed to pour its billions into the economy, and has lost more than half of its value against the US dollar since the start of the year. The crisis has weighed heavily on campaign-

ing for the country's presiden-tial election on Thursday. The OECD, whose mem-bers include South Korea, said the troubles in South East Asia could potentially knock one percentage point off OECD growth, with Japan and others in the region bearing twice as much of the pain as the US.

In its twice-yearly Economic Outlook, the organisation cut its Japanese growth forecast for the second time in a month, putting 1997 growth at around 0.5 per cent.

The OECD acknowledged that things were changing s fast amid the financial turmoil elsewhere in Asia that its forecasts for South Korea were no longer reliable.

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Merrill Lynch, the investment bank, invited more than 400 pensioners to its London offices yesterday to call friends and relatives free of charge for Christmas. Pictured are Chelsea pensioners Charlie Lanning (left), John Judge and Frederick Beavitt with Alfred Shord in the background

Christie's considers £500m SBC bid

By Jon Ashworth and Fraser Nelson

DIRECTORS of Christie's International and hundreds of auctioneers are poised to cash in millions of pounds in shares and options after SBC Warburg Dillon Read was unmasked as the mystery bidder for the fine art auctioneer.

The Christie's board met last night to consider an offer by SBC believed to be worth about 300p a share in cash, valuing the business at up to

Noel Annesley, deputy chairman, stands to make about £1.6

million from his shares and options. Christopher Davidge, chief executive, would make more than £1.3 million from selling out, while François Curiel, jewellery director, would take home about £1.2 million.

SBC Warburg would also have to redeem some E5 million of share options which are spread across the auction house's top three tiers of management. This would trigger an average £17,000 payout for some 300 senior staff. A formal approach is pos-

Shell

sible this week, although discussions are more likely to spill over into the new year. A Christie's spokesman said yesterday: "It is a preliminary approach, and things are still at a very early stage."

A week ago Christie's reject-

ed an initial annmach that was deemed too low. Now SBC has returned with a higher offer.

SBC must win the support of Joe Lewis, the British millionaire investor who lives in 29.31 per cent in Christie's. Other leading stakeholders in Christie's include SPO Partners, based on America's West Coast, with 9 per cent, and Mercury Asset Management, with 6 per cent.

One option would see SBC Warburg sell the bulk of the shares to wealthy individuals. including Mr Lewis, while retaining a small stake. More ambitiously, it could finance the bulk of the deal itself, transforming Christie's into

world's most powerful banks. Such a move would give Christie's access to a huge balance sheet, allowing it to underwrite key auctions. It would further provide access to a rich and influential client base.

Swiss Bank Corporation announced a week plans to merge with Union Bank of Switzerland in a £35 billion deal that will create the world's second-biggest bank group. Duplication in London will lead to the loss of 3,000 the Bahamas and who holds an offshoot of one of the jobs over the next 12 months.

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Lonrho poised to unveil buyout at **Dutton-Forshaw**

By Jason Nissé

THE restructuring of Lourho separately quoted companies - one concentrating on minunder the guidance of Sir John Craven, the chairman, is ing, the other on trading to take a leap forward this within Africa. However, Londo is now week. It will announce the expected to call off talks with Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal. sale of its UK car dealership business. Dutton-Forshaw. to the Saudi Arabian investor. a management buyout backed by CVC Partners, the over the £250 million sale of venture capitalists, for around its Princess Hotels chain. It

£105 million including the repayment of debt.

The business, which includes Jack Barday, the London Rolls-Royce dealer, has received a great deal of interest from the motor trade. However, Lourho, convinced that selling to a rival may put the motor franchises in jeopardy, has refused to negotiate

with any rival car dealers. Paul Dixon, chief executive of Dixon Motors, said he had made an approach to Lonrho but was told it was negotiat-ing only with Dutton-Forshaws management.

The deal is the first of a series of transactions that are expected to transform Lonrho from a conglomerate into two

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prepared to pay. This week in THE TIMES

had hoped to complete the sale to Prince Alwaleed,

whose investments include the George V hotel in Paris

and stakes in Eurodisney and

Canary Wharf, earlier this

Lonrho is now expected to remarket the business, with

Starwood Lodging, the US

leisure group, and Hilton Hotels Corporation leading

the bidding.
Talks with JCI, the South

African mining group, about a possible £450 million take-

over by Lonrho, are contin-

uing However, Mzi Khu-malo, JCPs chairman, has

indicated that he wants a

higher price than Lonrho is



leads **Times** league By JON ASHWORTH

SHELL is leading the field in The Times's league of top UK companies, scoring 79 out of 100 on a range of criteria including boardroom pay, fi-nancial performance and attitude to staff.

Our weekly series of corporate profiles, which tracks FTSE 100 companies, has Lloyds TSB in second place, with a score of 75's, followed by BG and Asda, both on 74, and Smiths Industries on 73. Those trailing include British Airways on 61 and Pearson on 59.

BAT Industries appears to-

day scoring 49, reflecting difficulties facing tobacco companies and boardroom excesses. Corporate ethical policy is assessed by Integrity Works, a consultancy, which considers how declarations of ethical intent in the annual report towards local communities, the

actually stand up against international best practice. Crisp Consulting has devised a formula to evaluate pay, by which companies are penalised according to the extent to which directors' pay varies from a standard FISE 100 model. The lower the score.

environment, and so forth -

the fatter the cat. Shell tops the league table so far, rating highly in all areas with the exception of innovation and "City star" rating the esteem in which the management is held by analysts and fund managers.

BA fares worst on attitude to staff and City star rating, ref-lecting difficulties faced by Bob Ayling, chief executive. Pearson is dogged by poor performance and lack of innovation.

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